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CONGRESS.

Exciting Debate in the House of Representatives.

Speech of Extra-Billy Smith, of Virginia.

Serious Charge Against Senator Seward and Representative Sherman.

THE TWENTY-FIRST BALLOT FOR SPEAKER.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 25.

[illegible] rumors from Mexico, just arrived here, [illegible] the overthrow of the Constitutionalists was not an [illegible] to the necessary strength represented. After Doblado's defeat in the vicinity of Guadalajara, he purposely retreated beyond San Luis Potosi, abandoning to more important for future operations to this position at Mechuca. Previous to his defeat, as official accounts show, he had an interview with Miramon, with a view to amicably settle their differences. During this interview, Miramon admitted that the Reactionists could not [illegible] and that, while he was in favor of [illegible] principles, he could not openly espouse them, without rendering himself obnoxious to the charge of being a traitor to the party in whose service he was employed. This admission having [illegible] the Church party, had caused much indignation among [illegible], and therefore the report prevailed at New-Orleans, of the time the Tampico left, namely, that a revolution in the City of Mexico in favor of Miramon was anticipated, and was regarded as of significant importance.

The reply recently made with the Juarez Government will probably be received at the State Department in a [illegible]. A question has already been raised [illegible] to its validity, it must be ratified by the [illegible] Congress, as well as by the Senate of the United States; but this is answered by the fact, that, in 1847, certain provisions in the Mexican Constitution were suspended, and the Executive clothed with full power to take such measures as might be deemed necessary to raise funds for the defense of the country. In this treaty provision for the payment of money to Mexico, it will be regarded as a measure of that kind, and the Congress which may hereafter be called by the Liberal Party will, it is confidentially anticipated, approve and ratify the act.

As Christmas closed, when the news reached the City of Mexico that the treaty had been signed, there was such indignation expressed there as led to the belief that the American citizens residing in such parts of Mexico as are in possession of the Reactionists, would either be expelled or opposed in their persons, and hence the supplemental treaty, which confers on our Government the power to interfere for their protection, owing to the inability of the Constitutional Government to perform that service, but as our relations with the latter are so friendly as to preclude war on the part of the United States against the entire country.

A large number of the mail contractors have informed, and continue to inform, the Department, that unless Congress make appropriations early in January for the payment of what is due to them, they cannot continue the service, which has thus far been maintained by them in a manner altogether satisfactory, and at great sacrifices. Their credit, they say, is now exhausted. Should they surrender their contracts, the extraordinary expense of restoring the service will amount to not less than one million of dollars, and probably more. Their expectations that Congress would promptly pass the bill for their relief have been grievously disappointed. The Department has the money to pay all sums now due, for the quarter ending with September, but not the legal authority for that purpose. The expenses of the current quarter are due till February. Over four millions are required on account of arrearages for the year ending with last June. Statements of indebtedness to contractors, on which they have raised money to the amount of two million dollars, are in the hands of persons in this city.

A letter from Mr. WARD, Minister to China, says the Russian Envoy was in Peking at the time he was there, but so strict was the surveillance of the Chinese Government that it would not allow them to see each other. The exchange of several private notes, however, was permitted.

The various Government Departments will be closed to-morrow on account of Christmas.

THE Charleston *Courier*, of Friday, says there is good reason for believing that Hon. C. G. MEMMINGER will be clothed with the honorable and important office of representing South Carolina as the Special Commissioner to the State of Maine, according to the resolution made by the Legislature that has just closed its labors.

The Rev. W. PATTEN DAVIDSON, Episcopal Minister, formerly of Philadelphia, died in Norfolk, Va., Saturday.

It is reported here that late last night orders were given to put arms and ammunition on board the dispatch steamer *Abarenia*, and that she be got ready to sail early to-morrow morning for Annapolis. It is rumored that this movement has reference to the trouble brewing between the authorities of Maryland and the Philadelphia oystermen.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Mr. BOWMAN, of South Carolina, (Dem.,) gave notice that after the speech of Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, who was entitled to the floor, he would endeavor to obtain all opportunity to move that the House proceed to ballot faithfully for a Speaker throughout this day, and, failing in that, he would make an effort to offer a resolution, that, from after to-day, no vote for Speaker shall be taken before the hour of 12 M., on Wednesday, 4th of January, and that when the House adjourn to-day it be until that day.

Mr. FOUKE, of Illinois, (Dem.,) Mr. SMITH giving way) replied to the remarks of Mr. FARNSWORTH, who had commented on the course of Senator DOUGLAS. His colleague (FARNSWORTH) had stated in substance that he would rather see any other man than DOUGLAS elected to the Presidency. The Republicans' hatred of Mr. DOUGLAS is deep-seated, and well it may be; for he has given them many heavy blows. Mr. DOUGLAS stands on the Cincinnati Platform, and desires nothing else than its adoption at the Charleston Convention. He (FOUKE) would support the nominee of that Convention in good faith, and so will the Democracy of Illinois. They have buried the Slavery question, and consider that every one who attempts to dig it up is a Democratic organization is a Democrat.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, (Rep.,)—Will Mr. DOUGLAS support the nominee of the Charleston Convention on a platform on which he will not stand himself? Will he sustain a platform which does not recognize his (DOUGLAS') doctrine that the people in the Territories have the right to legislate on Slavery?

Mr. FOUKE would tell the North and South that Mr. DOUGLAS would support the nominee of the Charleston Convention.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—On any platform?

Mr. FOUKE replied that Mr. DOUGLAS would give his support against the Republicans. He then proceeded to show that the State Convention of Illinois had declared they would sustain the nominee of the Charleston Convention. The Douglas men will stand between the extremes of the North and South. He (FOUKE) considered JOHN WENTWORTH as the embodiment of the Republican Party in Illinois, and yet his organ expressed sympathy with JOHN BROWN, and showed conclusively that such were the feelings of the party generally. None of the Republican Party had denounced JOHN WENTWORTH for his incendiary sentiments, and therefore that party is abolitionized. Men who indorse JOHN BROWN deserved the same fate that he suffered. He would ask Mr. FARNSWORTH whether he indorsed or repudiated the sentiments of WENTWORTH.

Mr. FARNSWORTH replied that so far as Mr. WENTWORTH runs a parallel between Southern filibusters or Slave-trade pirates and JOHN BROWN, I indorse him. So far as he indorses the act of BROWN in an incursion into Virginia, I do not indorse him. He asked Mr. FOUKE whether Southern Slave-trade pirates were not as bad as BROWN, and deserved the same punishment?

Mr. FOUKE—Try them by the laws of the land and punish pirates or anybody else, North or South, East or West, upon the high seas and everywhere, who violate the laws. I stand by the Constitution and the laws of the land. JOHN BROWN is dead, but his acts live. It is with those who indorse those acts that we have now to deal. He denounced the acts of BROWN in Kansas in severe terms. The gang were marauders, who preyed on people of both parties, indiscriminately. Mr. SHERMAN, while Chairman of the Kansas Investigating Committee, refused to receive testimony respecting the murder committed by JOHN BROWN, on the technical objection that it was done after the Committee was appointed. The candidate for Speaker is a partisan of BROWN, or was at the time of the outrage in Kansas. He maintained that the Republicans would sign the death-warrant of the country, and leave the time of its execution to the executioner himself. The Republican Party of Illinois has been absorbed by the Abolition Party, and cannot escape the irreproachable conduct of SEWARD. Mr. FOUKE proceeded to state that the Republican Party had no sympathy with foreigners, but have deluded them, and as soon as they have done with them, they will not only put them upon an equality with the negro, but will go further, and ignore them altogether in their political action. He then referred to a conversation between Gov. SEWARD, of New-York, and Gov. SMITH, of Virginia, in 1847 and 1848, as reported in the *Congressional Globe*.

Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, (Dem.,) narrated the conversation as well as he could recollect it. The subject of it was that while he (SMITH) was Governor of Virginia, he was sitting in the Council Chamber one day, when a stranger entered and announced himself as Mr. SEWARD, of New-York. A conversation ensued, in the course of which Mr. SEWARD remarked that they were going to allow all to vote in New-York, negroes as well as whites. To that he (SMITH) had replied, that if they had no objection to free negroes in New-York, they would send them a certain number in every packet from Virginia. Mr. SEWARD said that he had no objection to that—that they would receive them with pleasure; that they had much trouble with the Irishmen and the Irish vote; that a great deal of money had to be used at election times to secure them, and that the rascals would take their money and then vote against them, but that they had no such trouble with the colored people. In reply to that he (SMITH) had then told him that he would be very happy to receive an equal number of honest-hearted Germans and Irishmen for all the negroes that were sent to New-York.

Mr. FOUKE—I am pleased to hear the gentleman.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—Does the gentleman recollect who were present?

Mr. SMITH—Yes, Sir; Mr. LAWSON, Clerk to the Council. Mr. FOUKE told me afterwards that he had a laugh with Mr. SEWARD about it.

Mr. FARNSWORTH inquired whether Mr. SMITH had a laugh with the Senator (SEWARD) about it?

Mr. SMITH—No, Sir; we talked like strangers upon great questions, and of course there was no laughter.

Mr. FOUKE (resuming) said the Republican party were not yet ready to engraft that creed upon New-York, as they were not yet done with the foreign population.

Mr. SMITH, of Va., obtained the floor, but yielded for fifteen minutes to Mr. FARNSWORTH, that he might reply to his colleague.

Mr. FARNSWORTH said that JOHN BROWN was dead, and they made no issue about the recent affair at Harper's Ferry, which the Republican Party nowhere indorsed. So far as the Republican Party were concerned, they did not believe in the social or political equality of the negro, or any other equality, so far as Illinois was concerned. In the State of New-York the negro was permitted to vote, and in the State of Tennessee he was permitted to vote, [illegible] years ago. He thought that when Hon. CAVE JOHNSON was a member of Congress he himself avowed that he was indebted to [illegible] for his seat.

Mr. AVERY, of Tenn., (Dem.,) [illegible] the background [illegible] Mr. FARNSWORTH [illegible] Cave Johnson. It came with a very bad grace from the Democratic Party to throw up to the Republican Party that they were in favor of the political equality of the negro.

Mr. LOGAN, of Illinois, (Dem.)—Is there in your district no distinction between negroes and white people? Do they all vote together?

Mr. FARNSWORTH did not know. So far as the question of social equality was concerned, the Republican Party did not believe nor maintain it. But the Republican Party required no laws restraining them from intermarrying with negroes. If his friends were at all afraid of intermarrying with negroes he would be very glad to impose a restraining law. But so far as the rights of men were concerned, the negro was his (FARNSWORTH's) equal, and the equal of his colleague.

Mr. LOGAN asked whether the Republican Party had not voted for the abrogation of all laws in reference to the distinction between whites and blacks, as regarded their testimony in the Courts.

Mr. FARNSWORTH admitted that a Republican member had introduced such a law. If he did not, he ought to have done it.

Mr. LOGAN—Exactly. Did not the Republican members of the last Illinois Legislature vote to expunge the word "white" from the school law, so as to make it read "whites and blacks?"

Mr. FARNSWORTH did not know. In his State they admitted a man who did not believe in God to testify, also a man covered with pollution, and he could not see why they should exclude the negro. But it was the true test to submit the credibility of a witness to the jury. When they said that a man established and supported by a villainous Democratic white man, or a Democratic doughface, should not be permitted to testify, he said it was a damnable statute that prevented him. Is the gentleman satisfied?

Mr. LOGAN—Certainly, if the gentleman is satisfied.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—How is the Democracy?

Mr. LOGAN—Very well. [Laughter.]

Mr. FARNSWORTH then reviewed the course of Judge DOUGLAS in reference to the Territorial question, contending that he (DOUGLAS) had placed himself on both sides of the question. The Republican Party was founded upon principle, but the Democratic Party of Illinois was a man-worshipping party, worshipping DOUGLAS. Whatever DOUGLAS said was law to them and right. He would ask his colleague if he agreed?

Mr. FOUKE—We worship STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, and you worship FRED. DOUGLASS. [Great laughter.]

Mr. FARNSWORTH then inquired whether his colleague from the Fifth District, and his party in Illinois, would support whoever was nominated at Charleston, no matter what was the platform.

Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.,) had no desire to be drawn into the conversation which had been held with his colleague. He had no doubt that the Charleston Convention would adopt the Cincinnati Platform, and he had no doubt Judge DOUGLAS would support the nominee.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—That's no answer.

Mr. MORRIS—Then, Sir, I will say they will.

Mr. FARNSWORTH rejoined that Judge DOUGLAS had declared in a letter that he would not accept of a nomination unless he was placed on a platform that conceded the right of a Territorial Legislature to legislate upon the question of Slavery.

Mr. MORRIS—We consider all that our own business, not yours.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, in reply, held that it was also the business of the Republican Party, and asked with what consistency Judge DOUGLAS could support the nominee of the Charleston Convention upon a platform upon which he would not himself be a candidate.

Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, then proceeded to address the House. In consequence of the course of remark indulged in by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, (Mr. GROW,) he said he felt it his duty take his part in the debate. When the House assembled it was upon the heels of a remarkable incident that aroused the public mind and brought about a revelation that startled the country with amazement. It was seen that sixty-eight members of the last Congress, besides numerous other gentlemen of the highest position, had indorsed a pamphlet known as the Helper pamphlet, inaugurating a crusade of blood, murder, treason and insurrection against one of the largest sections of the Union. What had been the first development? One of the very gentlemen who had indorsed this book had been put in nomination [illegible] Presiding Officer of this House. That Presiding Officer must sustain the most intimate personal and social relations necessarily with the members over whose deliberations he presides, and he asked the House and country if they would rightfully and truly perform their great social and political duty by electing that man to preside over this body? He put the question here, and he desired the country to understand it. They may have the power by force of numbers to put a man who is a murderer, a robber, a man who proclaims his deadly hostility to one half of the Union, in that chair, but I ask them if it is right?—if they will stand as the *representatives of constitutional liberty* on this floor?

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.)—I desire to know if the gentleman from Virginia applies these words to me?

Mr. SMITH—I am illustrating. I did not say the gentleman is a murderer. I have an epithet thought, and I was about to say so, and it would have come with more grace than from an interruption.

Mr. SHERMAN—I misunderstood the gentleman.

Mr. SMITH—I was illustrating. Would you vote for a man who—

Mr. SHERMAN and others—Certainly not.

Mr. SMITH—If the act of a party—

Mr. CURTIS, of Iowa, (Rep.,)—I call the gentleman to order. I consider that a reflection upon the members on this side. It impeaches the honor of every man on this side of the House, and I ask the gentleman to recall it.

Mr. SMITH, (firmly)—When I have anything to recall I will do it without being asked. [Applause in the galleries.] If the gentlemen will just keep cool he will perhaps fare all the better for it. I charged nobody with being murderers or robbers upon this floor, but I do charge that when we came here we found that sixty-eight members of the last Congress—many of them now here—did indorse a pamphlet, recommending to what we had a right to believe and suppose was just as bad and as damnable. [Cries of "Good," and applause in the galleries.]

The Clerk said that he gave notice yesterday, that if the rules of the House were again violated by this applause in the galleries, he would call upon the officers of the House to suppress it. In accordance therewith he called upon the Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper to perform their duties. Here ensued a scene of considerable confusion, many members crying out, "Clear the galleries," whilst others hoped that such a course would not be pursued. In the galleries a commotion could be observed, and one middle-aged respectable gentleman exclaimed loudly, "I will leave it!" and made his way through the dense throng, whilst the Sergeant-at-Arms passed at a rapid pace out of the main door of the House to intercept him.

Finally order was restored, when the Clerk stated that it was not his intention to have the galleries cleared, as many orderly persons occupied them, but simply to preserve order.

The business of the House then proceeded.

Mr. SMITH said he was proceeding to illustrate the position that had been taken by the Democracy, and had used strong figures of speech for the purpose of making it that they (Democrats) could be no accomplices, and to vindicate the Democratic side of the House from the aspersions cast upon them from time to time of trifling with the organizations of society. He asked again that when they came here under the circumstances to which he had adverted, it was their duty to raise the question which was raised by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLARK), and he was glad to see that the honorable gentleman from Iowa showed a becoming sensibility. He knew how he (Mr. CURTIS) felt upon that subject, and did not mean to intimate in any sense that that gentleman would do anything dishonorable. But he put the question, whether he would vote for a man for the presiding officer of this House who endorsed the doctrine of the Helper book?

Mr. CURTIS replied that the gentleman knew that he would not, and he believed he knew that the honorable member nominated would not sanction any assault upon the rights of Virginia or any other State. He misunderstood the gentleman when he put the proposition, but still he could not suppose the gentleman seriously believed that any Republican member was so insensible to honor as to dare to bring into the House any one who would propose or attempt to indorse any book like that referred to, or countenance such an outrage as that of BROWN in Virginia or anywhere else—one of the greatest crimes on earth. He did not blame him, however, for asking the questions, as he did it for the purpose of drawing from the gentleman nominated a denial of all intention of indorsing such sentiments.

Mr. SMITH said every sort of atrocity was recommended against the slaveholders. Did not the gentleman know it?

Mr. CURTIS—I am told it contains infamous matter.

Mr. SMITH—Sir, your candidate stamed it. He was surprised that the gentleman from Tennessee should have fallen into the error of stating that Mr. SHERMAN had disclaimed the atrocities of the Helper pamphlet. He would ask that gentleman where he got his information?

Mr. KNAPP, of Tennessee, (Am.,) said his recollection was that Mr SHERMAN had declared that he did not approve of the doctrines of the Helper book.

Mr. SMITH—I have it here. Mr. SMITH then proceeded to read the explanation of Mr. SHERMAN, being frequently requested by Mr. GROW to continue, until he had read the whole of Mr. SHERMAN's remarks. Did he disclaim the doctrines of the Helper book? I ask it here, and in the presence of the candidate on that side of the House. Does that gentleman disclaim the doctrines of that Helper book, as I read here? [Applause.] The gentleman is dumb; he is silent. I desire to get the gentleman to speak, but he is as silent and dumb as an oyster. [Laughter.] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania wants to speak for him.

Mr. GROW, of Pennsylvania, (Rep.,) said he only wanted a correct statement.

Mr. NELSON thought it proper to say, that when Mr. SHERMAN had disavowed any intention to interfere with Slavery in the States, he considered that he (Mr. SHERMAN) had repudiated the whole opinions of the book. That was the way he (Mr. NELSON) understood it.

Mr. SMITH would [illegible] the gentleman intended that by Mr. SHERMAN's [illegible] the sentiments of the book [illegible] a whole [illegible]

Mr. [illegible], (Independent,) quoted from the Philadelphia Inquirer, in which he distinctly stated that he was opposed to any interference by the Northern people with Slavery in the Slave States. He knew that Mr. SHERMAN held these sentiments now.

Mr. SMITH said that he would not allow Mr. SHERMAN to speak by deputy. He demanded that when he desired to be vindicated he should speak for himself. He knew gentlemen wanted to hold the Democracy responsible for the failure to organize the House. This was manifested by the extraordinary manner of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, (Mr. GROW.) That gentleman had told the House that the New-York *Herald* had supplied his side of the House with brains. [Laughter.] He would like to know who supplied him (Mr. GROW) with that essential property? [Continued laughter.] That phrase was not original with him; he got it from HORACE GREELEY, or at least from the New-York *Tribune*. But that was not the worst of it. The gentleman proclaimed that by this discussion the Democracy were engaged in disseminating the Helper book, and had given it a circulation that the Republican Committee had tried to effect in vain a year ago.

Mr. GROW wished to correct a word. If he had used the words "Republican Committee," instead of "Publishing Committee," it was a slip of the tongue.

Mr. SMITH knew that it was reported in the New-York *Herald* "Republican Committee." He supposed the gentleman had corrected it for the *Globe*, but the New-York *Herald* had a reporter who caught things as they fell from the lips of gentlemen. He had put down the words as they were uttered by the gentleman, (Mr. GROW,) and it was not the "Publishing," but the "Republican Committee." He would like to know what difference the gentleman found between them? He believed that HORACE GREELEY was the chief member of the "Republican Committee."

Mr. GROW said that if members would take the *Globe* they would find exactly what he did say, except the change of the word "Republican." But gentlemen chose to read the telegraphic reports, and that was what he complained of.

Mr. SMITH replied that gentlemen reformed themselves very much in the *Globe*. When they got into the office of the *Globe* they put themselves in a different dress.

Mr. GROW said that was the only alteration he had made.

Mr. SMITH read the report from the *Herald*.

Mr. GROW—Is it "Black Republican" there?

Mr. SMITH—Yes, Sir.

Mr. GROW—Does the gentleman think I said so?

Mr. SMITH—Well, the gentleman has got so accustomed to it that I suppose by this time he knows it by heart.

Mr. GROW—I do not know it.

Mr. SMITH then proceeded to charge upon Mr. GROW the responsibility of the failure of the Post-office Appropriation bill at the last session of Congress, by which the mail service of the country was brought into its present deplorable condition, reading from the record to prove his positions.

Mr. BRANCH, of North Carolina, (Dem.,) said that he was one of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes on the Post-office Appropriation bill, and he felt compelled to say to this House that nothing could have surprised him more than to hear the day before yesterday the lamentations of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GROW) over the loss of that bill and the fate of the mail contractors. His friend from Virginia (Mr. SMITH) had cited a large part of the history of that bill. He proposed to state more; and he stated here, in the presence of the House and the gentleman from Pennsylvania, and where it would be known and heard by the mail contractors, that Mr. GROW alone was responsible for the defeat of that bill. Without intending to impeach his motives, he (Mr. BRANCH) thought he could say that the object he had addressed to POSTMASTER MILES, and from them substantially he received the same answers—MCRAE stating that, individually, he was in favor of reopening the slave-trade, but that such was not the sentiment either of his State or of the Democratic Party, and that he (MCRAE) would obey the National Constitution in all points, though thinking it open to improvement in this particular.

Seeing the advantage they had, the Democrats sprang up in all quarters, shaking political red handkerchiefs in the eyes of the Republican bull, who rushed hither and thither, mashing and stamping the precious crockery and vases carefully prepared to receive the flesh and onions of the House patronage. SAMUEL R. CURTIS, of Iowa, (Rep.,) made a desparing effort to throw a lasso over the forelegs of the wild animal, and bring him down on his sofa; but all efforts and all means of check were unavailing. JOHN H. REAGAN, of Texas, Anti-Administration Democrat; JOHN COCHRANE, Democrat, of New-York; JAMES C. ROBINSON, Douglas Democrat, of Illinois; and GRAWFORD, Secession Democrat, of Georgia,—all these, representing varieties of conservative sentiment, one after the other, disclaimed any desire to reopen the Slave-trade; and the mad sport went ahead on the floor, with a perfect looseness of tantalization and wicked devilitry, such as it would be impossible to picture justly.

JOHN J. MCRAE, of Mississippi, is a very peculiar looking little man, and his intellect appears as vigorous as his face is striking. With a large head, mounted on a small but gracefully-built body, Mr. MCRAE at a distance, and with his hat on, has a very youthful air; but, on coming closer, we observe that the smooth skin of the cheeks is dry and sallow, the dark eyes badly crows'-footed under the lower lids, the forehead and crown only thinly covered with dark hair, growing silvery in patches, and the mouth chiseled down the outer corners with lines which it must have taken fifty years of restless and aspiring labors to engrave. Full of quick labor and humor, very Southern in his hospitality, and frank, generous in all the relations of political and social life, the Hillo Governor is a favorite in all circles, and regarded as one of the readiest debaters and most trenchant humorists on the floor of the House. He is not so good at a set speech, but when he can provoke his enemies to question him, his answers are invariably as sudden and cleaving as the electrical charges from the bath battery of our old friend Professor VASSURA.

While this description has been written, the contest between the Irrepressible Conflict bull and the Democratic Matadors has been waged with unexampled drollery and the most comical results. POSTMASTER MILES, in particular, has distinguished himself by the calmness, courtesy, and clear logical vigor of his assaults. The Hard-shell Baptist Cone has also made several wild Alabamian charges, with a crimson cloak rolled round his left arm, and a long Indian spear of invective and ridicule protruding several yards from beneath his right shoulder.

LUCIUS Q. C. LAMAR, of Mississippi, then jumps into the arena and scornfully denies that either he or his State desires the reopening of the Slave-trade under present circumstances, or were in league with MCRAE for the Presidency, the account between North and South, so far as this paper was concerned, might now be called square.

But the irrepressible FARNSWORTH was not so easily to be got rid of. In vain did STANTON, GROW, ISAAK JOHN WARNER, Jr., and all the deacons and elders in the Republican political synod, admonish and advise his wilful son. In vain did Grow lay down the law to him, with the tip of his right forefinger touching the tip of the little finger on his left hand. FARNSWORTH, on the left side of the Clerk's chair, like MORAN, of Illinois, on the right, seemed under the impression that there existed amongst his own friends a conspiracy to murder him; and he fought like a moral Angelo of Gaul against the strangling forces.

At this point the fight was further complicated by the attempt of WM. SMITH, of Virginia, better known as Extra Billy, to make himself heard in lieu of FARNSWORTH. This was taken sad ale, sugar and sweetness, to the Republican leaders, and they succeeded WM. SMITH, of Virginia, with all their strength. WM. SMITH, now 76 if remembered, is a sensible, thin and nervous little man, with rusty red-and-gray hair, small but prominent gray eyes, very high and large cheek bones, a large mouth filled with regular teeth, florid of complexion and beardless, shrill and attenuated of voice, and exceedingly nervous and difficult in manner, though with a resolute struggle against such weaknesses. He is curiously like a certain class of men who come here from the North of Ireland, and might be set down, on his mere appearance—as the proprietor of a small linen-bleaching green, somewhere in the neighborhood of Belfast. His voice, too, has a high twang in it, very strongly recalling the brogue of the Black North; and if he could settle any where between Donegal and Fermanagh, there would be little danger of his ever being challenged at the polling booths and asked to show "his papers." All the natives of those benighted parts would set him down as to the manner born, and be right glad of such a thrifty and pushing little fellow-citizen having settled in their midst.

Between FARNSWORTH and SMITH the contest was kept up with great spirit—the former being talked to, and pulled by the coat-tail, and begged to sit down, on the Republican side; while WM. SMITH, frantic and yet vehement, with a spirit longing for the fray and a frame [illegible] of the Republicans, on the left side of the Clerk's desk, gave the Illinois Republican [illegible] the merry dance. In the midst of this struggle the House was suddenly adjourned, on motion of some Republican member, name unknown, but this morning, when the popular Representatives again came together at 12 M., Mr. FARNSWORTH was given uninterrupted possession of the floor.

When he rose, however,—when this evil was upon them and no longer to be averted,—all the leading Republicans fled to the Corresponding Tables in the left hand corner, and there wrote and chatted, read newspapers and laughed, leaving but little more than 23 sound Americans on the Opposition side to hear Mr. FARNSWORTH's harangue. The speech of that gentleman was a full justification for all their fears. In the first place, he announced his intention of doing mischief to his friends, by declaring that he desired no one but himself to be bound by his remarks. He then commenced with a bad blunder, holding ROBERT A. PRYOR, of Virginia, responsible for an article which appeared in the Richmond *Enquirer*, at a time when Mr. PRYOR had nothing whatever to say to that paper. This threw the speaker fearfully off his balance, as he had evidently prepared his whole speech on the assumption of holding PRYOR, on the floor of the House, responsible for what he had written when in the higher and purer atmosphere of journalism. Staggered and taken aback, but dogged in the resolve to hold the floor, FARNSWORTH next picked up a volume called *Black Diamonds*, and read extracts apparently advocating the reopening of the African Slave-trade. It never seemed to occur to the speaker that until he could prove that sixty or seventy leading Democrats had indorsed this volume and subscribed money for its circulation, the parallel which he wished to establish with HELPER's book must fail in its most essential particular.

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While this description has been written, the contest between the Irrepressible Conflict bull and the Democratic Matadors has been waged with unexampled drollery and the most comical results. POSTMASTER MILES, in particular, has distinguished himself by the calmness, courtesy, and clear logical vigor of his assaults. The Hard-shell Baptist Cone has also made several wild Alabamian charges, with a crimson cloak rolled round his left arm, and a long Indian spear of invective and ridicule protruding several yards from beneath his right shoulder.

LUCIUS Q. C. LAMAR, of Mississippi, then jumps into the arena and scornfully denies that either he or his State desires the reopening of the Slave-trade under present circumstances, or were in league with MCRAE for the Presidency, the account between North and South, so far as this paper was concerned, might now be called square.

But the irrepressible FARNSWORTH was not so easily to be got rid of. In vain did STANTON, GROW, ISAAK JOHN WARNER, Jr., and all the deacons and elders in the Republican political synod, admonish and advise his wilful son. In vain did Grow lay down the law to him, with the tip of his right forefinger touching the tip of the little finger on his left hand. FARNSWORTH, on the left side of the Clerk's chair, like MORAN, of Illinois, on the right, seemed under the impression that there existed amongst his own friends a conspiracy to murder him; and he fought like a moral Angelo of Gaul against the strangling forces.

At this point the fight was further complicated by the attempt of WM. SMITH, of Virginia, better known as Extra Billy, to make himself heard in lieu of FARNSWORTH. This was taken sad ale, sugar and sweetness, to the Republican leaders, and they succeeded WM. SMITH, of Virginia, with all their strength. WM. SMITH, now 76 if remembered, is a sensible, thin and nervous little man, with rusty red-and-gray hair, small but prominent gray eyes, very high and large cheek bones, a large mouth filled with regular teeth, florid of complexion and beardless, shrill and attenuated of voice, and exceedingly nervous and difficult in manner, though with a resolute struggle against such weaknesses. He is curiously like a certain class of men who come here from the North of Ireland, and might be set down, on his mere appearance—as the proprietor of a small linen-bleaching green, somewhere in the neighborhood of Belfast. His voice, too, has a high twang in it, very strongly recalling the brogue of the Black North; and if he could settle any where between Donegal and Fermanagh, there would be little danger of his ever being challenged at the polling booths and asked to show "his papers." All the natives of those benighted parts would set him down as to the manner born, and be right glad of such a thrifty and pushing little fellow-citizen having settled in their midst.

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Though destitute of water, the land within the limits described is of good quality, and with irrigation would become of greater value. It has been ascertained that the general level of the district is 70 feet lower than the sea. It is supposed that a supply of water can be obtained from the Colorado River, and in times of flood, from the slough called New River, sufficient to fertilize an area comprising 6,000,000 acres. The construction of the necessary engineering works will require the expenditure of a large sum of money, which can only be obtained by a lien upon the grant when procured;—and Dr WOZNICKI proposes, in the event that the cession is made to the State, to form a company who shall reclaim this Colorado Valley, by introducing the needed supply of water. It is to be hoped that Congress will not hesitate to pass the needed bill. If the enterprise succeeds it will prove of great value; and if it fails nobody will be harmed except those who attempt to carry it through.

The accounts from the Washoe silver mines continue to be almost marvelous, and our capitalists are constantly making heavy investments in them. WM. H. LAWS, of this city, invested $20,000 in them *day before yesterday. HENRY MAXWELL, whose name* is familiar to Californians, has paid $10,000 for one-twenty-fourth in the Ophir lead.

Another vein of silver ore has recently been discovered [illegible] *Winnemucca, on the toll road leading from thence to* Virginia City. Some of the ore had been assayed with such satisfaction as could be procured on the spot, and the proprietors entertain a well-founded belief that the lead is extensive and valuable.

The celebrated Comstock ledge has been opened in a new place, at a point lower than any heretofore worked, and the ore found to be richer than ever. The vein of silver ore in this ledge becomes richer and more abundant the deeper it is worked.

A vein of galena (lead ore) is reported to have been discovered the other side of Carson River.

A correspondent of a Sacramento paper states that a rich silver mine has been discovered in the Mojave Valley, 100 miles east of Los Angeles.

Col. FREMONT's famous Mariposa grant is set down in the tax list as containing 47,270 acres, valued at $[illegible]; improvements, $8,000; personal property, $3,000. The total annual taxation on these valuations amounts to $4,457 36. It is reasonable to say that the Colonel's receipts for gold will, in the ensuing year, be more than equal to the entire assessed value of the rancho as above.

From Another Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 5, 1859.

The overland mail makes such a hash of the news from California that it requires considerable enterprise to gather any items that will be new by the time the steamer reaches you; and as we have had no "diamond weddings" to talk about and write about, we can only air the most common-place events, which the Jenkinses of the Press have previously *turned inside and out*, several times; and the earnest manner in which the rainy season has set in has thrown a damper on things in general, not that we don't want rain—on the contrary we do, or rather we did—but would fain have a little cessation, and a chance to pump our cellars out, it being a peculiarity of San Francisco cellars, especially down town, to become cisterns, and just about these days there is a brisk business being done in the pumping line. As a matter of course, people have no time to move goods above high-water mark, beforehand—in fact it is of no consequence as long as the water has not made its appearance. The *bottom tier of a pile of salt or barrels* of sugar is much improved by a few days soaking. I looked down a cellar-way, yesterday, and observed a few hundred bags of coffee and beans undergoing the swelling process, considerably *increasing the stock on* hand; and in another basement noticed a hundred or two cases of furniture floating around on a voyage of discovery, and a gentleman Irishman, who roomed there, bound on a yachting excursion on a bureau, very complacently smoking his pipe, waiting for the water to fall, that he might get out a clean shirt for Sunday. It has rained, fairly "poured," for a week, giving a refreshing appearance to all green things, except the *fleas* that were caught out, and they, in California lingo, had to "get up and git." You must know or rather you would know, if you lived in this country, that those industrious little insects in former times were counted at four quarts to the square foot, but latterly are not quite so abundant. Still there is still enough left to keep up a little pleasurable excitement, and a disposition to come to the scratch, which is very pleasant when you are out making a very genteel call, and can't indulge in the luxury. I have seen in a court-room the learned Judge rubbing with a ruler the place where a little varmint was showing his contempt for the Court, while the "counsel" was making an affecting appeal to the jury, at the same time rubbing the calf of his leg with the heel of his other boot,—the jury in the meantime going through a great variety of gyrations from like causes, producing like effects. I remember noticing the philosopher GREELEY, when making his speech from the balcony of the Oriental Hotel, punctuating his discourse with sudden grabs, clinching with great vigor various parts of his person; and, by the same token, I remember his forgetting for the moment his Job-like affections and sitting down. The chair must have been very hot, for he bounced up with astonishing celerity. To what ills is flesh heir to. In connection with the former subject, I might quote the flea market very likely in doors, where they take refuge from the rain; and in the words of the poet (TENNYSON, I believe): "How doth the busy flea, improve each shining hour."

There is not much going on here about these days. Washoe silver mines and "Ladies' Fairs" are the all absorbing topics. It has got to be the fashion here to hold Fairs on the slightest provocation. If Rev. Mr. CHRISTMAS gets seedy, the lady members get up a Fair, and clothe him. If the domestic crockery has met with any accident, they get up a Fair and devote the proceeds to new dolls. If the aforesaid Reverend fancies he can't save as many souls in the old church as he could in a new edifice on a grand scale, and that he ought to have as good a place to preach in as certain other parsons have, he has but to lament that the accommodations are so limited, and forthwith the lady portion of the congregation rush forth and meet in grave consultation. Some one proposes the original idea of a *fair*, and away they go, fairly "billin" over with zeal in the cause. The result is, they get a few thousand dollars by selling red flannel pin-cushions at horrible prices—gouty slippers at the price of a pair of patent-leathers, (giving no change back,) and should there be any lady acquaintance with faint prospects of adding her mite to the great want of the country-population, a wardrobe of diminutive pattern, but endless in quantity, is immediately constructed, and the aforesaid is waited upon with the modest request that she will come down to the tune of a few hundreds, and patronize the good cause. On a capital of $5,000, a lot is bought at $6,000, a church planned to cost $50,000; they run in debt, and are ever after in deep distress, and fairly choke the money out of the members of the congregation, who are afraid to say no.

If asked how they expect to pay such a debt, they say, "We trust to Providence." It's my firm belief that it is a very risky business to trust to Providence in a country where money is worth 3 per cent a month.

Don't you think it is almost time to drop the Broderick duel matter. You have certainly made the most of it. The excitement has died away here a long time ago, and you scarcely hear the subject mentioned now. He has turned out a greater man dead than he probably ever would had he lived. He need not have fought the duel—he never was forced into it—he brought it upon himself, and would have killed his opponent if he could; his intentions were good. [illegible] his own selfish ends and aims in the struggle to the very post of politics happen to quarrel, and go out to vindicate their wounded honor (?) at the pistol's point.

No doubt the general belief abroad now is, that our life here is safe in California and more especially in this City. The acts of two such men as TERRY and BROPHY are no criterion for the character of the community. They may have had their citizens' friends and politicians, but they were no leaders or models for this community, any more than BURR and HAMILTON is for the peace-loving citizens of New-York. We may have a duel now and then, but we do not allow bullies to walk up and down our streets knocking down harmless people without cause or provocation, and if arrested at all, their bonds are taken, sworn officers of the law, release them at once, and apologize for the mistake of some over-officious policeman who was not posted, and did not know that the services of the party at elections was a cause sufficient to knock down and drag out just whom they pleased. In this respect we do claim to be in advance of New-York, and it would be more consistent in her to be horrified at the nightly brawls and murders on Broadway than to lament and hold forth so much over the morals of California. Don't [illegible] your sweetness there now, we saw a little [illegible] in the matter of morals of our parsons; and besides, you have your money here. Send a few missionaries to Baltimore.

The gay season has fairly commenced; the Oakland people got up a grand ball in aid of the agricultural society last week. All the young people went over, to have a good time. They had just got under way, when the rain came down in torrents, and it continued to pour down all night, and outdoors it was dark as Erebus; the consequence was, nobody could get away, and they all had to stay all night, and dance the programme through two or three times, to keep warm. The roof of the liquor room leaked so, that the liquors became too much diluted to do any injury. They came home next morning, looking tired and sleepy, and very much as if they had "run all night."

The opening subscription soiree of the Winter series took place at Pickwick Hall, on the 29th ult., and was a very handsome affair. These soirees are the affairs of the season, and none but the "*crème de la crème*" can gain admittance, being conducted strictly on the genteel principle. The spread of crinoline is truly wonderful, and the toilets very stunning.

Weddings are very much in vogue just now, and the matrimonial market seems to revive; young and tender candidates go off very briskly, and the older and tougher style indulge in faint hopes of the "good-time coming."

The last news from the Washoe Silver Mines confirms the success of the extensiveness of the vein. It has been traced for three miles. At present they are almost cut off by the deep snows on the mountains, and are only accessible on snow shoes. The ore, however, is being got out ready for transportation in the Spring. The smelting of the ore is going on, and about $4,000 a day is being got out. FARRE & RAYMOND sent by this steamer the first bar of silver from this source. The assay shows about equal value of gold and silver—about $16,000 per day can be got out from the Walsh mine and Bryant and Raymond. The *amount of ore sent down in the Spring will be incredulous* in its value. New mines have also been discovered in the Mohave country, about 150 miles from Los Angeles, giving from $4 to $35 per ton of silver and gold mixed. The ore resembles the Washoe ore, and it is surmised that it is a continuation of the same vein, following the mountain range. If so, silver will be very plentiful hereabouts.

The steamer (propeller) *Santa Cruz* left yesterday for Guaymas, Mazatlan and San Blas. She is to run regularly between San Francisco and those ports. Some say, however, that it is all humbug, and that she is going on a fillibuster expedition. A large quantity of arms were shipped to Mexico a few weeks since.

Two cargoes of Japanese goods are expected daily. If they arrive before the Holidays, large profits will be realized. Samples of furniture and all sorts of knicks-knacks were sent over to Japan by the vessels now expected, to be got up in similar style a la Japanese for this market—some seem very "gorgeous."

Col. FREMONT is getting along swimmingly in his mining operations—has just set at work the largest quartz mill in the State, having 48 stampers. The Supreme Court refuses to grant a writ of error to the parties' claiming, who have bothered him so much on *the plea of States-right sovereignty. Probably a writ* of restitution will be granted him, and he will recover *all his mines; and his prospects may be set down as* extremely flattering. He may be regarded, or rather *is regarded hereabouts, as the Republican candidate* for the coming Presidential term. If he manifests as *much energy and perseverance in the administration* of the affairs of the Government as he has in his fight for his mining property, he will make a good President. He has had a hard battle, and bids fair to be rewarded.

Maj. HENELEY, the President of the California Steam Navigation Company, *one of the most popular and* deservedly-esteemed gentlemen of California, goes East by this steamer, with his accomplished lady, to spend the Winter in Washington. Mr. STEPHEN MASSETT, after a short sojourn with us, returns on the steamer also, for the purpose of writing, at the suggestion of his friends, a book embodying the many incidents of travel over the world, and the good things he has written. He has the material to get up a very interesting work, which will undoubtedly meet with great success. He has seen much, traveled a great deal, and has a wonderful faculty for description, and is fully equal to the task of writing such a book as will please the reading public. He has the best wishes of a host of friends in California.

The Overland mail is getting to be one of the most popular institutions of the day hereabouts, and, in consequence of the slow time made by the Vanderbilt line, increases in importance. We can't do without the Overland mail, and it would be an unfortunate move to discontinue it. Let everybody patronize it.

PODGERS.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

Affairs in Costa Rica—Return of President Mora—Diplomatic Movements—Quiet in Nicaragua and Salvador—Guatemala—Letter from the United States Minister—The Belize Treaty.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PANAMA, Friday, Dec. 16, 1859.

President MORA, of Costa Rica, arrived here on the 13th, from New-York, and goes to Central America in the steamship *Guatemala* on the 19th. As nine-tenths of the people of Costa Rica earnestly wish his return, it is likely he will be met at Punta Arenas by a sufficient number of men to insure his return to San José without bloodshed. If not, he will go to Nicaragua or Salvador, and wait the course of events. The revolution that overthrew MORA is attributed entirely to the machinations of half a dozen of MORA's personal enemies. The people grumbled at MORA's spending $7,000 a month in military matters, but thinks they have a right to grumble now that his successor spends $26,000 per month in "fuss and feathers." The country owes now $90,000 more than it did when MORA left, which is nearly a dollar a head for all the inhabitants. A letter from San José says: "We are now free; have liberty, &c.; all good on paper; but if you open your mouth against the Government, you are exiled. Talk about MORA's tyranny! Why, on mere suspicion, you are notified to leave forthwith. To give you an idea: The last mail from Panama was taken first to the house of the President, J. M. MONTEALEGRE, where VIOLO (Secretary of State) was waiting, and the correspondence opened. * * * The hope is, that MORA will come back next steamer; but if he don't, why his chances are poor."

The Government of Dr. MONTEALEGRE is not considered a stable one. The mass of the people are in favor of the return of President MORA. They say the country prospered exceedingly under President MORA, whilst now, although great promises are made as to improvements in roads, bridges, &c., the Government is without credit abroad or confidence at home, and everything is at a stand-still. The peasants, almost to a man, desire the return of MORA. Those who now hold the reins of Government are very timid and fearful of his return, and act as men generally do who have grasped power by dishonest means.

In the National Assembly the friends of the Administration strive to stifle debates on any question that has two sides to it, and it and the Provisional President are constantly suggesting orders and edicts to provide for their own security against a popular commotion. And they even suspect some of the most influential of their own numbers to be traitors to them. Don JESUS JIMENEZ, Secretary of State, is strongly suspected with having favored the late attempt at reaction, and SALAZAR, the military commander who betrayed President MORA, is known to have favored it. But MONTEALEGRE and his Government do not feel themselves strong enough to punish either of these men, even by deprivation of office.

It appears that SALAZAR quickly lost all his share of the $20,000 bribe for seizing President MORA, at a monte table, and on being refused an additional sum by his new masters, breathed vengeance against them, and "went right off" and attempted the new revolt in favor of Gen. MORA, which would probably have succeeded, had he not blabbed the matter to an old woman, who told it to her confessor, and her confessor posted the Government. I gave you an account of this affair at the time of its occurrence, six weeks since. The Englishmen, JOY and ALLPRESS, Sir WILLIAM GORE OUSELEY, and others of their countrymen, so constantly repeat in everybody that they had nothing to do with the conspiracy against President MORA, that every one now believes them to have been the originators of it.

Mr. DUNLAP, United States Minister Resident to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, had gone to the latter country, where he was suffering from coast fever. His Secretary, Mr. WARD, came passenger to Panama in the *Guatemala*, for Washington. Sir WILLIAM G. OUSELEY is expected on the next steamer.

NICARAGUA.

The President, after it was known that WALKER's new expedition had bursted up, issued the usual flaming proclamation against the fillibusters, and put forth the usual braggadocio about their being swallowed by the brave Nicaraguans in a body, if they had come, and then the nation subsided into its accustomed lethargy.

SALVADOR.

This Republic is quiet, and is obliged to be, so long as President-Gen. BARRIOS' 5,000 soldiers are faithful to him.

The annual fairs of Chalchenango and San Vicente were not productive of any disorder, but were very profitable to the speculators on account of the scarcity of indigo this year.

GUATEMALA.

In this State the people have been having great festivities over the anniversary of the birthday of CARRERA, who rose from the position of pig-driver to that of Dictator of Guatemala, and who, take him all in all, does not make a very bad ruler. Guatemala seems to be subsiding into a theocracy, judging from the fact that the papers contain but little else than church decrees, and accounts of religious ceremonies.

Hon. BEVERLY L. CLARK, United States Minister Resident to Guatemala and Honduras, has written a long letter to the Government of the former, conceding its right to dispose of its territory as it did lately in the Belize treaty to Great Britain. He also placed on record a protest against the same, as follows:

I, BEVERLY L. CLARK, resident Minister of the United States of America, near the Republics of Guatemala and Honduras, for and in the name of the said Government of the United States of America, do now and hereby make, enter and publish this my solemn protest: First, Against the treaty of April 30, 1859, between the Republic of Guatemala and the Government of Great Britain, as a clear and palpable violation of the letter, spirit, and provisions of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America, dated July 5, 1850, and commonly known as the Clayton and Bulwer treaty. Second, Against the conduct of the Government of Guatemala in cautiously withholding and concealing from the American Representative, then resident at this Court and this Capital, *all knowledge of the pendency of negotiations*, vitally affecting the interests and policy of this Government, thereby depriving him of the right and privilege of defending those rights and maintaining that policy, as violative of the established *courtesies which belong to, and exist in diplomatic* intercourse, and in disregard of the claims of the United States to that impartiality which is supposed to exist in favor of a friendly power, when the rights and interests of that power are involved; and, third, *Against the confession of the Government of Guatemala* to the occupancy and title of Great Britain, of and to the country designated in said treaty of April 30, 1859, as being opposed to the whole history of the Central American Confederation, and equally opposed to the entire history of Guatemala up to the date of said treaty.

The arguments in the letter, which you will perceive would occupy more space in the TIMES than you could afford to give it, are condensed in the foregoing.

Mr. CLARK's health has slightly improved.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

We have had no mail from Bogota the past fortnight. A rumor prevails here that one thousand men, sent by President OSPINA to put down the Revolutionary Government of the State of Bolivar, had arrived at Mompos on the Magdalena River, in that State. I do not give much credit to the report, principally because it seems to me President OSPINA could not be guilty of such a suicidal act. The moment he takes an active, open part in the quarrels of the political parties in the States, that moment will be the signal for his own overthrow. By a system of non-intervention, he may manage to keep in office till the expiration of his term in 1861, and then quietly give place to Gen. HERRAN. If he has sent National *troops into Bolivar, Bogota will soon be occupied by* his enemies, and his political power will pass into the *hands of MURILLO*, or some other Radical.

From Carthagena, the capital of Bolivar, we have *dates to the 8th inst. Gen. POSADA, at the head of* less than 200 men, the only force now in arms against *the revolution, still occupied the little seaport of Barranquilla*, but was negotiating with Gov. NIETO's force for terms of surrender, so that by this time it is highly probably the Revolutionary Government of the State has no opponents within its jurisdiction. CALVO, the deposed Governor, had gone to Bogota, shifting *his tattered mantle to the shoulders of Señor RODRIGUEZ DE LA TORRE*, the legitimate Vice-Governor. Business in Carthagena was in a state of complete stagnation, the Custom-house officers still refusing to *admit vessels with foreign goods.*

The report I sent you two weeks since, that the Liberals had forced the Conservative Governor of the State of Magdalena to abdicate, was true, as was also *my statement that Señor CONSUEGRA had been made* Provisional Governor. The election by which Conservatives for the National Councils were returned, was declared null, and the Liberals were counted in.

Señor JUSTO ARGEMBENA, first Governor of the State of Panama, and late Senator in Congress from the Isthmus, and who alternates between Bogota and New-York, came passenger in the *Baltic*. Gen. HERRAN, New-Granadian Minister to Washington, will arrive in Aspinwall by the steamer of the 20th January, for Bogota. He will be a candidate for the next Presidency of New-Granada, to succeed OSPINA, and will doubtless be elected if the latter does not proceed to such extremities before his constitutional term expires, in endeavoring to overthrow the present Federal Constitution, as to get violently ousted from his place. Gen. HERRAN is a moderate Conservative, and will receive a large support from the more prudent of the Liberal party.

The dry season has set in on the Isthmus, and for the next five months we shall have blue skies and *fresh northerly breezes. Now is the time for those* who wish to travel in Central America, to pack their trunks. A splendid steamer leaves here the 18th of each month, touching at the principal ports of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Salvador and Guatemala. Those who have "done" Europe and all the Old World, will find an interesting field for travel in this part of the New, and may pick up a new sensation or two by exploring it.

The *Cortes*, which left San Francisco Nov. 30, arrived here yesterday morning, with 56 passengers, who left Aspinwall for New-York last evening at 7 o'clock.

The *Golden Gate*, of the Old Pacific Mail Steamship Company's line, which left San Francisco Dec. 5, arrived at Panama, with 330 passengers, this morning, at 6½ o'clock, having made the run in eleven days and twenty hours. F. W. R.

SOUTH AMERICA.

The Peruvian Army in Guayaquil—Another Armistice—Castilla in a Quandary—Oppressive Acts of the Government at Guayaquil—Sharp Diplomatic Correspondence—Peru—Recruiting in Lima—Indian Slavery—Catholic Oppression—Congressional Elections—Bolivia—Revolutions Suppressed—Chile—Markets.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PANAMA, Saturday, Dec. 10, 1859.

I wrote you in my last that President CASTILLA landed near Guayaquil on the 9th November, with about 6,000 men. At first he landed on the opposite shore from Guayaquil, but in a day or two crossed over by permission of FRANCO and ESPANTOSA, and encamped in the immediate vicinity of the city. His troops having nothing but the blue tent of Heaven for protection, which at this season in Ecuador commences to be leaky, his soldiers began the work of fashioning temporary shelter in the shape of stick-huts, covered with leaves and palm. President CASTILLA then commenced negotiating with his friends, Generals FRANCO and ESPANTOSA, whom he helped to place in command of the Ecuadorian people and army at Guayaquil, for better quarters. He first wanted the artillery arsenal, and this being refused, he asked for the military hospital. But as the site of the hospital completely commands the city of Guayaquil, and the people having commenced to imbibe the idea that ESPANTOSA was disposed to sell them out, boots and breeches, to CASTILLA, this was refused. The rainy season had commenced, and CASTILLA's troops had already been drenched by one heavy shower.

On the 27th November CASTILLA and FRANCO's representatives met for a conference. Old Gen. VELLAMIL, for many years a resident of New-Orleans, was one of the friends of Ecuador in this conference. Of course, with an old patriot like VELLAMIL, CASTILLA would make but little headway. So, on the 29th, another conference was had, when an armistice was agreed upon for forty days, ostensibly to afford time for the three or four parties that now divide Ecuador, and claim to govern it, to settle their differences and give CASTILLA somebody to treat with or fight against. The fact is that CASTILLA has drawn an elephant in a raffle. He thought the mere presence of 6,000 men before Guayaquil would frighten the people into any terms he might see fit to impose, and enable him to place one of his friends at the head of the Government at Quito. He now sees his error. Finding he had accomplished nothing by the thirty days' delay, granted in his Paita decree, he is either obliged first to whip or buy out the three or four thousand men at Guayaquil, and then undertake the perilous march to Quito, or wait like Macawber, for something to turn up. He cannot remain a fortnight longer, on account of the rains and fevers in his present encampment.

The people of Guayaquil begin to complain loudly of the oppression and peculation of the Espantosa-Franco Government at Guayaquil. He has issued a decree paying himself $25,000 for an old claim of 1843 of $10,000 for services as Governor at that time. Another decree abolishes the six months' credit on import duties to merchants, he being anxious to finger the cash at once.

GARCIA MORENO, the chief of the Quito triumvirate, and who was the right hand man of CASTILLA in his schemes till old MORENO saw that his friend only wanted to use him to advance somebody else, is still in the interior with a good many supporters, and will be found leading a considerable force if CASTILLA undertakes to penetrate into the country.

The Ministers of France and Spain in Quito having [illegible] CASTILLA in a dispatch much clearer as to his intentions in respect to Ecuador, and intimated the impropriety of his having commenced hostilities against Ecuador without declaring war, he replied to them it was none of their business, and they enclosed all their dispatches in extenuating him. The tone of the *correspondence is anything but diplomatic.*

Mr. CLAY has made a demand on the Peruvian Minister of Relations for the settlement of American claims, with what result is not known.

Guano charters to England, £3; to the United States, $15.

CHILI.

The U. S. steam-corvette *Lexington*, which left Valparaiso on the 21st November for Panama, brought the papers later than those of the 16th brought by the mail steamer, but nothing of importance had occurred in the interval.

The losses by the fire in Valparaiso, an account of which I gave you in my last, are set down at $250,000, but the sum is exaggerated at least $100,000.

The Government is getting 9 per cent. interest on the portion paid to of the $7,000,000 loan from England for the completion of its railroads. Notwithstanding this high rate, money is said to be abundant.

The coming harvest will be very abundant. Business has been better the past fortnight. The prices of foreign merchandize are high, as there was some scarcity in the market, particularly in American and English cotton goods.

Part of the cargo of the French ship *Mississippi*, wrecked on the Indian coast of Arauco, has been saved.

The Southern Railway has been completed as far as *Lindesco*, and was opened with benedictions and great festivities to that place on the 14th.

Mining in Copiapo is prospering greatly. In the north of that province it is said the new discoveries of copper and silver will prove as rich as the old.

The Republic is tranquil for the moment.

F. W. R.

WEST COAST OF MEXICO.

A private letter written in Colima, Mexico, on the 9th ult., states that a robbery of $600,000 had been committed by Gen. MARQUEZ, of the Conservative army, on a *conducta* or escort of $2,000,000, which was on the way from the City of Mexico to the western coast for shipment. This *conducta* was made up by a number of wealthy houses in the Cities of Mexico, Guanajuato and Guadalajara, and all the moneys regularly due upon it to the Government for taxes, escort, &c., had been paid. MARQUEZ said he took the money to meet the necessities of his Government (*para los atenciones de su gobierno*); and when asked whether it would be repaid, replied, "yes; when there shall be sufficient cash in the treasury." The writer of the letter adds, that unless foreign powers soon interfere, Mexico will speedily fall into omnipotent anarchy, if not back into utter barbarism.

OREGON.

Our dates from Portland, Oregon, are to the 25th November.

The *Democrat* tells a painful story of accidental homicide. It appears that on the 29th October, one A. HACKLEMAN, with W. DAVIS and J. J. DAVIS, living near Albany, on the Willamette, Oregon, started on a hunting expedition into the mountains. They made a camp in the mountains, some three or four miles south of Sweet Home Valley. On Tuesday morning (Nov. 1) following, they separated and started on their hunt. Mr. HACKLEMAN, after hunting until near night, and when on his return to camp, saw a deer, which ran off a short distance, and while he was watching for it, saw an object he took to be a deer, and thought it made two or three jumps. He fired at it, and believing the shot had taken effect, reloaded his gun before going up to it; but on arriving at the spot where it lay, to his great astonishment found he had killed a man!

Mr. HACKLEMAN did not at that time know who it was, but subsequently ascertained that it was WILLIAM RUSSELL, a young man about 18 years of age, who has been residing in Sweet Home Valley for some years. HACKLEMAN was not aware of any one being near him at the time of the fatal accident. RUSSELL was hunting, and had on a shot-pouch made of an undressed wild animal's skin, very much resembling a deer in color, which HACKLEMAN first caught sight of, and was bitterly deceived thereby.

HENRY BENSON and HENRY HURS got into a shooting affray at the Upper Cascades, on the evening of the 5th November, when HURS was killed. It is stated that BENSON acted altogether in self-defence.

The Oregon Democratic State Convention, to choose delegates to the Charleston Convention for the nomination of a candidate for the next President, met at *Eugene City, on 16th November. The delegates from* eight counties withdrew, leaving eleven counties represented in the Convention. The following delegates to the Charleston National Convention were then appointed: Hon. JO. LANE, Hon. LAWARNE STOUT, *and Hon. M. P. DEADY as Delegates, and Gen. JOHN* R. LINDSEY, Gen. JOHN F. MILLER, and Gen. JOHN ADAIR as alternates, with instructions to use all means in their power to secure the nomination of Jo. LANE [illegible]

The following resolution was adopted in another room at a subsequent hour:

"That this Convention do not elect delegates to the Charleston Convention—the delegates present do not represent the majority of the counties in this State—*but that we pledge the Democracy of the several* counties represented to a cordial support of the National Democratic nominee."

The *Oregonian* is authorized to say, that Mr. LOGAN will not contest the election of Mr. STOUT, as Representative in Congress from that State.

FRASER'S RIVER.

Emigrants Returning from the Mines.

The latest dates from Fraser River are to Nov. 22. The last steamer which arrived at Victoria brought 200 passengers, mostly miners, from the upper mining regions. $16,000 was brought by BALLOU's Express, and the amount of gold dust in the hands of passengers is variously estimated from $75,000 to $100,000. One party of forty men who came in a canoe from Port Douglas to New-Westminster, are reported to have had in their possession $35,000 in gold dust, two of their number being the fortunate possessors of over $12,000 of the amount, which they had made chiefly by packing.

Another Message from Gov. Wise.

WHY THE HARPER'S FERRY CAMPAIGN WAS SO EXPENSIVE.

On Wednesday last Gov. WISE sent in the following message to the Virginia Legislature. It was finally referred to the Committee on Military affairs:

RICHMOND, Va., Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1859.

To the Senate and House of Delegates:

GENTLEMEN: In response to the resolution of the House of Delegates of the 19th inst., I respectfully say that, when the State was invaded at Harper's Ferry, I was called to act suddenly, and did act with all the promptitude in my power, chiefly under the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th sections of chapter 17 of the Code. There I found ample and full authority for my action; and *the crisis demanded that the Executive authority* should be exerted decisively. In the exercise of the power conferred, and in the language of the law, I "called forth the militia, and issued such orders, and took such measures for the procuring and transporting the detachments as to me seemed best, and I took such measures for their accommodation, equipment and support, and I appointed such Quartermasters, Commissaries, and other staff, as to me seemed proper." Very active and decided steps were taken, not only to arrest and guard the prisoners who had violated our laws, but, far above that object, to assure our border people of their safety and defence, and to admonish the people of other States and their authorities, that we were not to be invaded with impunity. When called to perform this responsible duty, at a moment's warning, I found the organization of our militia wholly deranged. There was but one General officer, an Adjutant-General, without a clerk or assistant in post, and no Quartermasters, Commissaries or Paymasters. All these officers had to be organized and appointed extemporaneously. Owing to this, the procuring, transporting and equipment of troops were found to be difficult, irregular and costly. But, under the circumstances, I did the best in my power, and much of the cost may be attributed entirely to a want of system regulated by law. For such a system I have repeatedly asked that laws might be passed, and without such a system I have been compelled to defend the honor and safety of the Commonwealth. The forces at Charlestown have been been kept on duty from Oct. 17 down to this period, varying in numbers from one or two hundred to nearly sixteen hundred men at particular times. Yesterday I ordered the forces to be reduced from about one thousand men to a mere guard, to be organized and appointed by Major General TALIAFERRO. Two of the prisoners, COOK and COPPIO, lately escaped from the jail and the interior guard of the sheriff, and were driven back to prison by the military sentinels. Two of the worst of the offenders are yet awaiting trials and require to be strictly guarded. A civil guard cannot be relied on, for the reason that, however faithful, they are lacking in discipline. The military guard must be continued, and the expense of that is still going and will go on, under my orders, until the prisoners are disposed of according to law. Thus, the General Assembly sees that it is impossible for me to answer the resolution of the House, at this time or at any time before my term of office expires. It is impossible to audit the accounts before the 1st January next. Most of the accounts have not been presented, and cannot be, until Gen. TALIAFERRO comes to the Capitol, with his proper vouchers, and affords the means of adjusting and settling them. He will be ordered here immediately, and the business of accounting shall be entered on forthwith, and proper the officers will, doubtless, report at the earliest possible day. That report, in full at least, cannot be made before my successor will qualify. I can only add that I trust to the liberality and justice of the Executive officers and of the Legislature, not to allow the patriotic men and officers, who have come so promptly at their country's call, to suffer for the want of pay for reason of any error of mine. I took the whole responsibility of the call, and they met it like men on whom the State can rely. If the State has to pay more money than she ought to have paid, let the blame fall upon me not upon our troops. Had it been necessary, I should have incurred even more expenditures than has yet been incurred under my orders. My objects, I repeat, were far beyond the arrest and guard of the prisoners, JOHN BROWN and his accomplices.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, your obedient servant, HENRY A. WISE.

LAW REPORTS.

THE DUTCHESS WAR.

An Irreparable Breach between the Manager and Stage Director of the Winter Garden.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, DEC. 21.—BEFORE JUDGE INGERSOLL.

Dion Boucicault vs. Thomas C. Fields and William Stuart.—The motion for an injunction to prevent the performance of "The Octoroon" at the Winter Garden, was brought on this morning. Mr. CRAM and Mr. BOOTH appeared as counsel for Mr. BOUCICAULT, and Mr. O'GORMAN and Mr. JERNEGAN for the defendants. Mr. BOOTH read to the Court the bill of complaint, of which we have heretofore given an abstract, and then read the affidavit of the plaintiff, setting out, that before Sept. 16, 1859, STUART became the lessee and proprietor of the Winter Garden; that he has long been insolvent, and that sundry individuals advanced capital to enable him to carry on the theatre, and appointed FIELDS to protect their interests as Trustee, and that FIELDS has claimed control over the theatre and the receipts of it, but without assuming any responsibility to the artists and others.

That in August last the plaintiff made a written agreement with STUART, a copy of which was annexed, and of which the following is an abstract:

It recites that STUART has taken a lease of the theatre for five years, and agrees that during that time BOUCICAULT should be stage director; that AGNES ROBERTSON BOUCICAULT should play for ten weeks in the Fall and six weeks in the Spring of each year, but *if the receipts of any one night were less than $[illegible]* STUART might terminate that engagement on six days notice; and STUART might, during the first ten weeks as long as he chose, by giving notice fifteen days in advance, terminate the engagement.

That BOUCICAULT and his wife would not play at any other theatre; that BOUCICAULT should receive for his services as stage director $100 a week during the season, and two half benefits; and that for the services of his wife STUART was to pay $100 a night during her engagement and two half benefits.

That during the engagements of BOUCICAULT with all dramas produced by him, and his performances on the stage, should be included in the above remuneration, all other work being extra.

That "a season" should mean forty-five nights, and that the theatre should be kept open for that period at least every year.

That all differences should be settled by arbitration.

The affidavit proceeded to say that the plaintiff's counterpart of that agreement was left with STUART's attorney, in order that a release of a previous agreement might be drawn; that on Dec. 19 he demanded it back, and found that STUART's signature to it had been stricken out. That that agreement was carried out for ten weeks, and that STUART never gave any notice of a prolongation of it beyond that time, as required by the agreement, and that the time specified in the agreement expired on Nov. 23 last; that plaintiff and STUART then endeavored to make a new agreement, proposing that plaintiff's wife should continue to perform and should receive one-half the weekly receipts after deducting $1,800; that plaintiff and his wife continued to perform as before, but no definite arrangement was made; that during their first week of this state of affairs he sent a written agreement to FIELDS to be *signed, embracing the terms which had been only assented* to by STUART and FIELDS, and that FIELDS has always refused to execute the agreement, and on Nov. 26 wrote to the plaintiff a letter, as follows:

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, No. 211 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Nov. 26, 1859.

D. BOUCICAULT—*My Dear Sir*: Will you have the kindness to send me a statement of the expenses, as you make them up, so as not to exceed $1,800 per week?

Yours truly, THOS. C. FIELDS.

That at the end of this first week he was paid $100 for his services as stage manager, and an account was rendered to plaintiff's wife, a copy of which is annexed, as follows:

Statement of Expenses, week ending Nov. 26, 1859.

Nov. 23—To counterfeit money taken night of Nov. 24	$12 00
Nov. 23—Cash for ton of Coal	5 00
Nov. 23—1 bottle Ink	63
Nov. 23—India Rubber Bands	1 00
Nov. 23—Stage Fare, B. Hale	12
Nov. 23—N. A. Seymour & Co., for grindstone, &c	22 11
Nov. 23—J. Lachmer, for Sowers	20 00
Nov. 23—10 pounds Strontia	4 00
Nov. 24—Half dozen small brooms	50
Nov. 24—Cartage from stage-door	1 50
Nov. 26—Gas Fixtures	9 50
Nov. 26—Baker, Wells & Co., for lumber	15 27
Nov. 26—W. Hale, stage fare	12
Nov. 26—For Cord for Show Cards	94
Total	$103 91
Nov. 30—For Salary List	$1,354 77
Nov. 30—One week's rent	250 00
Nov. 30—Gas license	10 00
Nov. 30—Advertising	67 07
Nov. 30—Printing	91 00
Nov. 30—Gas	94 79
Total	$1,963 03
Receipts for week ending Nov. 26, 1859	3,676 50
Deduct Expenses as above	1,963 03
Balance	$1,713 47
Amount Half Gross Receipts after Expenses	$856 73

That plaintiff refused to receive the $856 73, under *the account in full, and did afterwards receive $61 04*, all which made up the half of the receipts.

That till Dec. 6 plaintiff and his wife continued to press Fields to make a written agreement without success, and during that time plaintiff received his $100 a week, but as the receipts did not amount to $1,800 a week, his wife received nothing, the theatre having been closed two nights and an account rendered, as follows:

Miss Agnes Robertson in account with Winter Garden.

Receipts from Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, inclusive			$1,853 00
Less one week expenses, as per agreement	$1,800 00		
Deduct for one night closed	94 11—	1,705 89	
One week's advertising	208 05		
Less one amount agreed on	125 00—	141 05	
One week's gas	98 43		
Less amount agreed on	75 00—	24 43	
One week's supers	55 25		
Less amount agreed on	25 00—	30 25—	1,902 22
Excess of expenses over receipts			$249 22

E. & O. E.—NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1859. F. NAZER, Treasurer.

That on Dec. 5, the parties had an interview at the theatre, but came to no agreement, and STUART that day wrote to plaintiff two letters as follows:

WINTER GARDEN, No. 667 Broadway, New York—Monday.

MY DEAR BOUCICAULT: It is now the eve of the production of

[illegible] the said Bourcicault left with Nazer the letter or memorandum herein annexed:

"Consent to Mr. Stuart the following bill for to-night:—"Corsican Brothers."

"Blanche de Chalis."

"Ba bar Epsited."

I suggest that Mr. Stuart should engage Mrs. Wood, who is now playing at the Arch-street Theatre, but I have reason to believe, could be had for next Saturday if required. I think Mr. Wheatley would, under their circumstances, let her go. She has "Love's Disguises" and "Jenny Lind" all ready; which might run through next week. D. BOURCICAULT.

P. S.—Notify Miss Secor for Miss Morton's part in Blanche, Tuesday."

—that about 4 o'clock P.M. of the 14th, Stuart showed to deponent said letter of the 13th, and also informed him of Bourcicault's withdrawal of the "Octoroon" and substitution of other pieces, whereupon deponent immediately wrote and sent to Bourcicault the letters which, or copies of which, are annexed to Bourcicault's affidavit herein, marked L and M, (already given,) and also gave instructions to the doorkeeper not to admit Mr. and Mrs. Bourcicault to the theatre if they arrived after 6 o'clock P. M., and that, as he is informed and believes, they did not arrive until 10 minutes after 6 P. M., and after deponent had been obliged to employ, and had employed, other artists to take the places of Mr. and Mrs. Bourcicault in the performance of the "Octoroon" that evening.

Deponent further saith, that he is informed and believes, that after said Bourcicault had received said letters, (already given,) he directed Mr. Nazer to say to deponent that he, Bourcicault, would be there that evening to perform his duties as stage-manager, but that Mrs. Bourcicault would not be there; deponent further says that Mr. Nazer communicated the same to deponent before deponent gave the orders not to admit Mr. and Mrs. Bourcicault unless they appeared by 6 o'clock.

Deponent further says, that six o'clock was the latest hour which he could safely wait for Mr. and Mrs. Bourcicault without employing other artists; that a failure to produce the "Octoroon" that evening would have been a great disappointment to the public, and its withdrawal under the circumstances threatened by Bourcicault would have been followed by the failure of the Winter Garden, and the utter sacrifice of the interest of the creditors, who were secured by the assignment hereinbefore mentioned in the deponent; that the frequent manifestations of bad faith on the part of Bourcicault since he entered into the agreement of interest with the deponent—his frequent attempts to violate and evade said agreement—and, above all, his withdrawal of the "Octoroon" immediately after he had obtained the stream of his pay, and at an hour so late that he supposed, as deponent believes, that it would be impracticable to prevent the mischief, all convince the deponent that it was the design and intention of Bourcicault, by such withdrawal, to ruin the Winter Garden and sacrifice its creditors, whose interests were intrusted to the deponent; and for this reason, and because the influence of Bourcicault over the artists employed in the Winter Garden rendered it easy for him to carry out his design of ruining the theatre, if he was permitted to retain the management thereof, the deponent deemed it his duty to discharge, and did discharge, Bourcicault from his office of stage-manager.

Deponent further says that the foregoing statements contain a full, true and accurate account of the entire contract between Bourcicault and deponent, and of the correspondence and negotiations in relation thereto; that the contract hereinbefore mentioned as having been made between Bourcicault and deponent was settled and determined, and was a final and absolute contract as to all its terms, except that the amount of weekly expenses was not stated at any fixed sum; that it was an express term of said contract that the piece afterwards called the "Octoroon" should be written by Bourcicault for the Winter Garden and performed therein as long as it would draw; that it was written by Bourcicault under said contract, for said theatre; and all the terms of said contract have been punctually and faithfully observed by the deponent; and that to enjoin the deponent from the performance of the "Octoroon" in said theatre would, as deponent believes, be attended with the irreparable ruin of the theatre, and the loss of the debts which the assignment of said lease was made to secure.

Deponent further saith, that the said agreement between the deponent and Bourcicault was an agreement entirely distinct from the agreement of Aug. 6, 1859, between Stuart and Bourcicault; that before and after the making said agreement with the deponent, Bourcicault told him that he considered the agreement between himself (Bourcicault) and Stuart as valueless and void; one reason that Bourcicault urged on deponent for making said agreement with him was, that he (Bourcicault) would not be party to an agreement with Stuart. THOS. C. FIELDS.

Sworn before me this 23d day of December, 1859. JOSEPH BROMLEY, U. S. Com.

Mr. O'Gorman then read also, on the part of the defendants, the affidavit of Thomas Clesham. That on the evening of Dec. 14 he had charge of the stage door; that Bourcicault and his wife applied for admission at ten minutes past 6, when he refused to admit them, and they went away; and that he called the attention of Ryan, one of the employes, to the exact time.

He also read the affidavit of John Ryan, to the same effect.

Also the affidavit of Ferrier Nazer, the Treasurer of the Winter Garden, stating, among other things, that during the thirteen weeks that the house has been open, plaintiff and his wife have received in cash $8,974 44 for their services, while the net profits to the management have been only about $2,350 00.

He also read the affidavit of Louisa M. Allen, that she had played the part of Zoe in the "Octoroon" since Dec. 14, and that she had previously acted other parts in the same play, and had "never received any threatening letter or threats or intimations of any kind affecting said play or tending to deter her from playing said parts;" and that she "had not now any fears or reason to believe that any such threats will be made, or any threats or inducements to deter or dissuade her from playing said part." She stated that the play has always been well received, and that there is nothing in it calculated to excite the displeasure of Southerners.

Harriet Secor, another actress, testifies to the same effect, and adds that she has frequently spoken with Southerners about the play, and has never heard any of them express disapprobation of any of its sentiments. She adds that she "does not believe that any threat was really made, or intended to or against any of the artists employed now or at any time in said play."

Joseph Jefferson, an actor in the theatre, testifies that he was present when the original engagement between Bourcicault and Fields was made, and confirms the statement of Fields that Bourcicault agreed distinctly to the terms mentioned in the affidavit of Fields. He adds that "no sign of disapprobation of the piece or any of the sentiments therein has ever escaped the audience on any occasion of the representation of said play, but, on the contrary, every evidence of satisfaction and good will." He also adds that "the incidents in said "Octoroon" are identical with, and as he believes, were suggested by a work of Mayne Reid called the Quadroon, wherein a slave sale, Mississippi steamer on fire and trial by lynch law form the leading features;"—and he is "informed and believes that the detection of a murder by means of a daguerreotype apparatus is the leading incident of a modern French vaudeville." Mr. Jefferson adds that Bourcicault's conduct as stage manager has been offensive to the artists of the theatre, and that he has himself on "two occasions actually resigned his place in said theatre by reason of breach of faith and unfair dealing on the part of said Bourcicault."

Geo. Jamieson testifies that when he came to play at said theatre Bourcicault agreed to guarantee that the "Octoroon" would run two months, and afterwards said he believed it would run three.

Mr. O'Gorman also read the following:

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM STUART, MANAGER OF THE WINTER GARDEN.

City and County of New-York, ss.—William Stuart being sworn, says: That on the 1st of July last he took a lease of the "Winter Garden" from the heirs of the late John Lawrence; that requiring certain moneys, stipulated in the said lease to be laid out by him for the improvement of said theatre, the same were advanced to him by certain friends, who have always been ready to aid him in any undertaking promising a successful result; that among the warmest of those friends was Thomas C. Fields, and that at deponent's request, and by the desire of the other subscribers, Thomas C. Fields consented to act as trustee, in order to secure the repayment of the moneys so advanced; and that it was entirely from a feeling of kindness to deponent that said Thomas C. Fields undertook this trust, and has since performed the onerous duties thereof.

Deponent having the utmost confidence in the uprightness and honor of said Fields, afterwards assigned over to him all his deponent's interest in said theatre, and all the property and proceeds thereof, placing him in full possession of it, with entire power to make all engagements and agreements respecting the same until the objects of the said trust should be attained; and that said Stuart has since then confined himself to following to the best of his ability the wishes of the said Thomas C. Fields, the representative of deponent's friends; and though he is entitled to receive the sum of one hundred dollars a week under the deed of trust while it continues in force, he, said Stuart, has never drawn one cent from said theatre, but contributed in every way in his power to the success of the undertaking.

And deponent says that one of his chief objects in so transferring all his interest in said theatre to said Fields, was that the plaintiff might thus be enabled to contract directly with said Fields, and that an objection expressed by said plaintiff to have any dealing or contract with deponent might be thus removed.

That deponent has read the affidavit of Thomas C. Fields herein, and that such of the facts therein stated as are within deponent's knowledge, or where he has no personal knowledge of the facts therein stated, to the best of his information and belief, strictly accurate and true.

That the terms of the contract therein stated to have been made between said Fields and plaintiff, at the "Winter Garden," on the morning of October 29, are therein correctly stated. That that Fields had previously informed deponent that he desired deponent's presence at an interview between him and plaintiff, to ratify an agreement already made between them. That said Fields, Bourcicault and deponent, sat down together at the table at the back of the box-office, and said Bourcicault then said: "Mr. Stuart, I last night made a proposal to Mr. Fields for our future arrangements as to the theatre, which he has accepted; but as you will be hereafter interested, Mr. Fields desired that you should be present; and we therefore fixed to meet here, to-day, to come to a formal ratification of this agreement.

I feel that myself and my wife have been treated very handsomely by Mr. Fields, and I am anxious that the theatre should be placed on a better footing.

I propose that on and after the expiration of the ten weeks, the regular expenses of the theatre should be made up at the close of each week, and that the profits of such week, if any, should be divided between the management and ourselves—(meaning himself and wife)—the losses to be borne by the management alone; that there should be no extraordinary expenses, over and above, which we should think it advisable to incur, that these also should be divided between us for the purpose under this agreement to bring out our new piece, a new, five-act, American piece, on which we have been dwelling for the last three or four weeks, and which, of course, my wife will play, and, I anticipate, will be a great success; I think it would run three months at least, but whether it does or not, the management must carry it to that period. On Jan. 15, I shall be prepared with a great Jewish piece, called "Judith and Holofernes," in which I shall picture the destruction of Jerusalem, which I have already planned in my mind, and which I expect will be even a greater success than the other."

After speaking further of his expectations of the great success of said plays, said Bourcicault said: "Now, mainmon, I wish distinctly to understand whether this is an agreement or not?" whereupon said Fields turned to deponent and said: "What do you say?" to which deponent replied: "Certainly, I think it a fair arrangement."

Said Fields then said, "Mr. Bourcicault, we accept your proposal—that is an agreement, and I will carry it out." Said Bourcicault then said: "I will give orders to my lawyer, &c., to prepare for the piece, and the interview then broke up.

Deponent states clear remembrance of the said interview, and believes that the above is almost exactly the language used by the parties at the same.

That a few days afterwards deponent was present at the interview between said Fields and Bourcicault at which Mr. Jefferson was present, which is narrated in the affidavit of Mr. Jefferson, which deponent has read, and the substance of said interview, and the language of the parties therein, are correctly stated in said affidavit, to which deponent refers.

That deponent was present at a conversation between George Jamieson and said Bourcicault, soon after said Jamieson had arrived in New-York, at the instance of deponent, who telegraphed to said Jamieson to come to New-York on the request of said Bourcicault.

That the substance and language of said conversation are correctly stated in the affidavit herein of said Jamieson, which deponent has read and refers to.

That said Bourcicault in answer to a question of deponent then and there said that deponent might safely guarantee the running of said "Octoroon" for two months.

That deponent has been for three years connected with theatres as manager, and is well acquainted with the custom prevailing between managers of theatres and authors of plays.

That it is the invariable custom that when the right to represent a new play is given by an author to a manager, it is always understood to mean the right to play it as long "the piece runs," or in other words, as long as it continues to prove lucrative to the manager.

That deponent never suspected of said agreement being called in question down to the period of the evening before the production of "the Octoroon," Monday evening, Dec. 3. That said Bourcicault had previously, from time to time, objected to items of the weekly expenses, but without questioning the validity of the said agreement.

That he especially objected to a payment of twelve dollars a week to Miss Florence, a young lady who had sustained an injury in the discharge of her duties, and to whom Mr. Fields continued her salary, though she was unable to appear, said Bourcicault stating that he *was not going to support sick actresses*. He also objected to other small items, in said weekly expenses. That the amount of the said expenses became thus a subject of discussion. Mr. Bourcicault desiring to fix them at $1,600 a week—and Mr. Fields and deponent at a higher amount. That finally in a discussion in Mr. Bourcicault's room in the theatre, and in order to avoid further discussion on that point, it was decided that Bourcicault should write to Bourcicault the amount at which he would allow such expenses to be fixed, and by direction of said Fields deponent wrote a letter, marked F in plaintiff's exhibits, to which he received a reply from Mr. Bourcicault, which gave him the first apprehension of Mr. Bourcicault's desire to evade his agreement, and which is attached to the affidavit of said Fields, and marked Schedule E. That in said letter of Mr. Bourcicault, he stated that he believed

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NEW BOWERY THEATRE—Afternoon—My Two Friends—The Dead Town—Mormon Green—The Brigand. Evening—The Lifted Veil—Mormon Green—Poor Pillars—The Contract.

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DORSHEIMER GALLERY—Exhibition of Paintings.

HOPE CHAPEL—Wagner's Isaiah.

☞ As the celebration of Christmas will be general to-day, no evening edition will be issued from this office.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The steamship *Baltic* arrived from Aspinwall on Saturday morning, bringing the California mails and treasure of Dec. 5, in the unprecedentally quick time of eighteen days and twenty hours from San Francisco. The *Baltic's* list of specie is $1,480,000.

The advices from Central America received by this arrival are interesting. President Mora, of Costa Rica, arrived at Panama on the 13th December, and intended to proceed immediately to San Jose, where his return, it was supposed, would be welcomed by nine-tenths of the population, who had become weary of the inefficient Government which had followed his deposition from power. Mr. Borland, the United States Minister, had gone to Nicaragua to recruit his health; his Secretary, Mr. Ware, returned by the *Baltic*, and will proceed to Washington. There is nothing of moment from Nicaragua. From Guatemala we have important news. The American Minister, Mr. Clark, had addressed to the Government a protest against its cession of territory, under the terms of the treaty of April last with Great Britain, claiming that the provisions of that instrument were palpably in violation of the letter and spirit of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. He also protests against the concealment of this recent action from the accredited representative of the United States, and against the confession of the Government of Guatemala to the occupancy and title of Great Britain.

We learn from South America that Gen. Castilla was beset with difficulties in Guayaquil, and that an armistice was agreed upon on the 30th of November. Hostilities were to be suspended for forty days. A sharp diplomatic correspondence had occurred between Castilla and the French and Spanish Ministers in Quito, relative to his intentions regarding Ecuador. To categorical inquiries Castilla responded that he should give no information, and denied the right of his interrogators to put their queries.

Our Aspinwall correspondence announces the arrival at that port of Purser Belknap, of the Navy, on a mission to examine and report upon eligible locations for naval coal depôts. Mr. Belknap was to proceed to Valparaiso, thence to San Francisco, the Chinese and Japanese ports, thence to Egypt, and home by way of England. The United States frigate *Saline* was at Aspinwall, under orders to sail for San Juan del Norte.

The news from California is but little later than that already received by the Overland Mail. Our San Francisco correspondence reports the arguments on the arraignment of Judge Terry for the murder of Senator Broderick.

That scapegrace of the ocean, the yacht *Wanderer*, has once more come to light, this time in the waters of Boston harbor. She reached that port on Saturday in charge of the mate, who tells a story of wanderings and adventures upon the high seas, that must add a new and more fascinating chapter to the history of pirates and buccaneers. The *Wanderer*, it will be remembered, was elayed with from a Southern port about the middle of October, the circumstances and the thief being unascertained. It now seems that one Lemuel F. Patten, of Bath, Me., was the skipper who effected this startling *coup*; and that only a portion of the crew were privy to or could be brought to approve his plans; that he had no stores or nautical instruments, and that, with the aid of the British Consul at the Western Islands where he put in, he had laid in $15,000 of provisions, for which, having again run away, he had paid nothing. To recruit these stores when they were nearly exhausted, he had pursued several merchantmen, with a design of plundering them; and it was while Patten was boarding a passing vessel with this piratical design, that his crew had stolen the stolen yacht, and made sail for America. The vessel is in the custody of the U. S. Marshal; and the poor fellows who brought her back, and were in a state of great suffering and destitution, have been provided for.

Before Ex-Gov. Smith, of Virginia, who was entitled to the floor in the House of Representatives on Saturday, had obtained it, notice was given by Mr. Bonham, of South Carolina, of a resolution to the effect that the House devote the day to balloting, and if there were no result, that the House adjourn to Jan. 4. Mr. Foster, of Illinois, then obtained a hearing for a defence of Mr. Douglas against the remarks of Mr. Farnsworth; and in the course of his speech he united with Mr. Morris, his colleague, in an engagement that Mr. Douglas would support the nominee of the Charleston Convention, whoever he might be, and whatever the platform upon which he might be placed. The speech of Mr. Smith turned mainly upon Helper and his Republican indorsers. Mr. Smith called upon Mr. Sherman to make a more satisfactory disclaimer of the doctrines of the book—denying, indeed, that he had disavowed any of them. Mr. Sherman declining to respond, Mr. Grow, of Pennsylvania, answered for him, that he had distinctly expressed his sentiments as hostile to any external interference with Slavery in the States where it exists by law—a position entirely irreconcilable with the obnoxious teachings of Helper. Mr. Nelson, of Tennessee, confirmed the statement of Mr. Grow. Mr. Harris subsequently referred to a private conversation that had passed between him, while Governor of Virginia, and Mr. Seward, in the course of a friendly call of the latter at the Governor's room at Richmond. The remarks of Mr. Seward, which depreciated the Irish and German population of the North, and expressed a preference for free negroes, were repeated by Gov. Smith, who named his private secretary as a voucher of the fidelity of his report. Having listened to this disreputable and discourteous revelation, the House proceeded to ballot for a Speaker. Of the 204 votes cast, Mr. Sherman received 104, Mr. Bocock 20, Mr. Gilmer and Mr. Houston 17 each, Mr. Davis 11, and Mr. Maclay 5. There being no election, the House adjourned.

The war of the "Octoroon," which promises to be as bitter and as long as that of the Mormons, presented another grand skirmish on Saturday. The case was tried before Judge Ingersoll on the motion of Mr. Bourcicault for an injunction restraining the performance of the play at the Winter Garden, on the ground of such presentation being a violation of the copyright. To counteract the affidavit of Mr. Bourcicault, affidavits of Mr. T. C. Field, the Trustee of the theatre, and of Mr. William Stuart, the Manager, to show that Mr. Bourcicault's claim of a copyright was invalidated by the fact of the play having been performed prior to the application for the advantages of the act, were read; and to rebut other grounds alleged, the history of Mr. Bourcicault's relations, pecuniary, managerial, and otherwise, with Messrs. Field and Stuart, was introduced, showing that the production of the drama constituted one stipulation of a complex agreement between the three, the observance of which Mr. Bourcicault had wantonly repudiated. That his indisposition to comply with his engagements should release him from the consequences, and involve those to whom he is bound in heavy losses, was the principal point urged by the defendants. Judge Ingersoll, upon the facts as presented, declined to issue a preliminary injunction; and postponed until Saturday next his decision as to the propriety of interfering at all with the production of the piece.

The Board of Aldermen on Saturday held a special meeting, the object of which was to concur with the Board of Councilmen in making an appropriation of $20,000 for printing, not ordered by the Street Department, to be added to the fund for paying arrearages of the year 1859. The motion to concur, however, met with strenuous opposition, and was lost, reconsidered, and finally laid on the table.

At the Wooster-street Synagogue, on Saturday morning, Rev. Mr. Isaacs made an appeal to his congregation on behalf of the suffering Israelites at Gibraltar. Most of the congregation have largely contributed to the relief fund.

Dr. Cahill preached at St. Patrick's Cathedral, yesterday morning, after the performance of the solemn ceremonies of High Mass, by Rev. Archbishop Hughes, assisted by a number of the Clergy. The sermon was a lucid exposition of the Catholic doctrine of Transubstantiation.

The Stock market on Saturday was active for New-York Central and the Western shares, at improved prices, and closed firm. Panama recovered 1 ⅌ cent. of the recent decline. The State stocks were in fair demand. An active day in money, in preparing for the holidays, but the supply easy toward the close, at 6 ⅌ cent. to the Brokers. Nothing worth noting in the Foreign Exchanges. The Bank return shows an increased line of Discounts of $1,073,000, and a decreased Specie average of $764,000, with the California arrival to be added this week.

Cotton was in active demand, and large sales were reported, mainly *in transitu*, at steady rates. Flour was less freely dealt in, yet prices of desirable lots advanced. Wheat was quiet, having been held with more firmness. Corn was heavy, and declining. Provisions were rather moderately sought after,—as were likewise Groceries, Hay, Hops, Whisky, Spices, Whalebone, Tallow, and the principal kinds of Oils and Naval Stores. Salt attracted considerable attention. Whisky was more salable and was somewhat dearer. Freights were quiet, with 461 vessels of all classes in port.

Behind the Scenes.

It requires no very great experience of life to convince one that everything is not precisely what it seems to be,—that in politics, in business, and even in journalism, as well as in theatres, there are two phases of activity,—one intended for the world at large, and the other, that by which the actors themselves regulate their conduct. We devote a good deal of our space to-day to the report of a trial in one of our Courts, which illustrates this general fact in a manner which is at once entertaining and somewhat instructive. The point in controversy is paltry enough in itself,—but some of the facts which it discloses are not without interest.

The public may remember that the *Herald*, a few days ago, in the heat of its endeavor to excite the community on the subject of Slavery, came out with some very fierce denunciations of a play called the "Octoroon," which that well-known hack-dramatist, Mr. Bourcicault, had produced at one of our City theatres. It was assailed by the *Herald* as an Abolition drama—as intended to excite the public mind against the South, and as part of the gigantic conspiracy which that journal—a very Titus Oates of newspapers—had detected, against the integrity of the Union and the general peace of the world. Bourcicault, the reputed author of this inflammatory play, met the onslaught of the *Herald* with a whining sort of an apology for his misdeeds, which provoked still another attack, and, presently, under cover of his wife's name, he suddenly threw up his engagement, and at a late hour of a day on which the play had been promised, withdrew the piece, on pretence that it was offensive to the public, and that both his wife and himself performed in it under threats of personal violence, and at a tremendous sacrifice of their patriotic feelings and love of the American flag. Unluckily for him, this plot failed;—another copy of the play had been procured, other actors had been secured to take the parts of himself and his wife, and the performance went on that night and thenceforward, as if nothing whatever had happened.

The baffled Bourcicault was thus constrained to resort to a court of law to redeem the failure of his bungled *coup d'état*; and that remorseless agency has exposed to the public the rather complicated machinery by which the country was to be spared the pain of witnessing the continued performance of this original drama of life in the Southern States. Mr. Stuart, the manager of the theatre in question, testifies that Bourcicault urged him to aid him in getting some of the newspapers to attack the piece on the ground of its anti-Slavery tendencies—as that would excite the public attention, and so help the play! Failing to get Mr. Stuart's help in the matter, Mr. B. undertook it alone; and the *Herald* being the most facile instrument for such a purpose, the vehement controversy in that sheet was the result. That virtuous and conservative newspaper entered readily into the plot by which the country was to be rescued from the Abolitionists, and the treasury of the Winter Garden to be replenished. But the single-minded Bourcicault found other uses for the public indignation, which it was assumed had been thus aroused. The play proved to be even more successful than he had anticipated, and he became naturally dissatisfied with the agreement he had made with the management, and which gave somebody else some portion of the accruing profits. So he promptly declined to be bound, "either legally or morally," by that agreement any longer, and proposed a new one. Finding the manager inclined to be obstinate on this point, he prepared the clever little plot already noticed. He advertised the play—and late in the afternoon withdrew himself and his wife from their parts in it, on the plea of personal danger—carried off what he supposed to be the only copy of the piece, and was quite prepared to see the entire establishment in tears and despair at his feet! Unluckily, the fuse which was to explode this fearful bomb had been dampened—the play went on—and though the *Herald's* denunciations of it ceased, the public continue to crowd the theatre.

It turns out, moreover, that the play is not original at all,—that Mr. Bourcicault has stolen all its leading American incidents from one of Mayne Reid's novels, and its most striking point from a French play,—that no threats against anybody have ever been utered,—that no denunciation of the sentiments of the piece has ever been expressed,—that Southerners in town crowd to see it, and find no fault whatever with its tone or its tendency,—and that Mr. D. Bourcicault has been very thoroughly "hoist by his own petard." Judge Ingersoll, not only refuses to grant the injunction applied for, but even doubts whether Bourcicault has any copyright in the play, or any claim to have it protected at all.

So far as the chief actor in this little drama of "*Life Behind the Scenes*" is concerned, the tale points its own moral. He is also the chief sufferer, and the piece ends, as all plays should, with the triumph of virtue, and the ejection of the conspirator into "outer darkness." But the glimpse which we here catch into the mysteries of "sensational" journalism, and the surreptitious manufacture of false public sentiment, is somewhat novel, and has an importance beyond the interest of the moment. We commend it to the attention of our Southern friends. When next they are astounded by one of the *Herald's* colossal revelations of "Northern fanaticism," they will do well to reflect that *there may possibly be* "an '*Octoroon*' in the fence."

Flight of the Doctors.

The Richmond papers are loudly exultant over the withdrawal of Southern students from the medical schools of Philadelphia. They regard it as the first step towards a dissolution of the Union! They evidently anticipate that the movement will strike terror into the hearts of all the Northern States, and lead instantly to the most astounding revolution in political affairs. "While Black Republican journalists and Abolition orators," says the *Examiner*, "are laughing to scorn the idea of a dissolution of the Union, a body of young Southern gentlemen have shown it to be both *practical and easy of accomplishment!*" This is something, certainly. But we don't quite see the demonstration thus asserted to have been made. It is one thing for a couple of hundred young men to quit school and go home,—but quite another, unless we are mistaken, to sever the bonds of our political confederacy,—break down the Constitution,—create new channels of trade and of social activity, and establish a new Government in the Southern States. Possibly the two processes are as nearly identical as the *Examiner* supposes:—but we think not.

Then, too, the causes of this hegira seem to be misunderstood. The *Examiner* regards the movement as indicating the conviction on the part of these young gentlemen, that "the Free States were no longer worthy the patronage of the South." The young gentlemen in question may have such a conviction, or they may not; but it was not this which impelled them to quit. Much less heroic motives prompted their separation. They found themselves—part of them, at least—locked up in police stations for trying to mob a lecturer who uttered sentiments which they disapproved. This experience of Northern law and liberty disgusted them with the North, and so, making it a question of Southern rights, they rallied their Southern associates to their aid and took their departure.

If this is really a test of the sectional controversy, as the Richmond journals would have us understand, then, we submit, that their exultation is premature. These students endeavored to introduce into a Northern State one of the laws and usages of the South,—that, namely, of mobbing a speaker who uttered sentiments which they disapproved. They found themselves at once in an "irrepressible conflict" with Northern law,—and were defeated. To be sure they proceeded at once to dissolve their union with the North, by way of resenting their discomfiture;—but it remains to be seen whether the South can claim this as a victory or not. Our own opinion is, that, when Southern patients have occasion to send for any of these doctors, they will wish they had staid to complete their education before rushing, through excess of patriotism, into premature practice.

Gov. Wise, as a matter of course, seizes upon the opportunity to make a characteristic flourish of trumpets, and to exalt the horn of disunion. If he succeeds in inducing the Virginia Legislature to pay the bills of these young gentlemen, they will have something to show for their sudden withdrawal from Northern schools. We shall be very glad if the incident shall rouse public attention in the South to the necessity of making more thorough provision for education than they have done hitherto. If the Southern States are to remain in the Union, the pride of country common to every American, would rejoice in seeing every State thoroughly furnished with all the institutions essential to the education of her sons. If they are to go out of it, we should certainly regret to see them deprived at once of the means of mental culture and of material growth.

Northern Aggressions.

We hope our friends of the Richmond *Enquirer* and *Examiner* will not permit the Legislature to overlook or evade their demand for a report on the aggressions and injuries of the Northern States. They have already called upon them for a Committee, to compile a volume of the laws passed by Northern States for the purpose of defeating the rights and injuring the interests of the South. They have reminded that body that the laws of all the States are in their Library, and that it will be a very easy matter to hunt up all the Personal Liberty bills which have been passed by Northern States, and to present them in a solid phalanx to the people of the South. The demand is reasonable and just, and we hope it will not be denied or evaded.

The fact is, nine-tenths of the distrust and hostility of the two sections is due to their mutual ignorance and misapprehension. The ultra partisans of each section misrepresent and exaggerate the character and feelings of the other. The masses of the people, having no other sources of information, are utterly misled by this selfish and unprincipled clamor, and regard each other as deadly foes without the slightest justice or reason. The Fugitive Slave law affords an instance in point. The South has been told, over and over again—if not in words, by implication—that nearly all the Northern States have passed laws intended to prevent the execution of that law, and punishing their own citizens for aiding in restoring fugitives from service to their masters. The belief that this is so has done more, perhaps, than any other single cause to alienate the people of the South, and lead them to regard the North as determined to invade their rights, and deny them the advantage of solemn compacts of the Constitution.

Now let us have the *facts* of the case. Let the Virginia Legislature respond to this just demand of the Richmond *Enquirer*, and compile an authentic and reliable statement of the actual legislation of the Northern States upon this subject. Let us know, distinctly and by authority, how many Northern States have passed Personal Liberty bills of the kind complained of. Let us know what single Northern State, except Vermont, has put any such law upon its statute book; and then, if it is not too much trouble, let the Committee tell us how many slaves have been restored to their owners in the State of Vermont, under the operation of that law. Very possibly Vermont is not quite alone in this legislation—one or two of the Northwestern States may have passed similar enactments. But the mass of the Southern people labor certainly under a very great delusion, in supposing that the whole North has taken action in this matter, and that nearly every Northern State has enacted laws to defeat the provisions of the bill for the surrender of fugitive slaves; and it is important to both sections that we should have accurate and reliable information upon this point.

We hope the Richmond journals will not fail, therefore, to press this matter upon the attention of their Legislature.

The Apostles and the Ballot.

The New-York *Churchman*, ordinarily supposed to be the organ of the more strictly orthodox section of the Episcopal Church in this country, is, as we have always been aware, a journal not easily to be pleased. The number of persons in the community whose proceedings meet with its unqualified approbation, is small in the extreme, and that portion either of our political institutions or social customs which it is willing to praise, is wofully meagre. It assailed a few weeks ago the secular "editors," to whom it denied most of the qualities which make men valuable either as citizens or as public instructors. They never "touched religious truth without soiling it." They were incapable even of conceiving the idea of absolute right. They had no conscience and no honor, and no principle. They were *condottieri*, free lances, gladiators, and divers other unpleasant things of the same sort. True, there had once been one honest, pure-minded man amongst them, but he was *singled out for the editorship of the Churchman*, and when he left their worldly ranks to occupy the chair of that spiritual journal, all virtue and all knowledge went with him. Black night descended upon the carnally-minded journals and journalists.

What secret writhings the said secular editors have been going through since that unlucky day; what pangs they have endured; what cries for light they have uttered; of what desperate wallowings in wickedness they have been guilty, we must leave to some other pen to record. It is enough for us that it is in our power to bring them a few grains of comfort and consolation—the consolation of knowing that, in incurring the severe displeasure of our ecclesiastical cotemporary, they are at least in excellent company. The New-York *Churchman* has now fallen foul of the Twelve Apostles—not, be it understood, of the Russian man-of-war which bears that name, but of the original Missionaries of the Christian faith. These eminent men do not meet with our cotemporary's approval. They were rash, thoughtless, blundering and sacrilegious, even in doing their own work. They began their mission, it seems, by a gross blunder, and behaved, in short, at the outset of Christian history, with all the recklessness of a Tammany Hall Sachem. Lest it should be supposed that we exaggerate our cotemporary's displeasure, we shall quote a portion of the denunciation which he visits upon the heads of these well-meaning but misguided individuals:

"The spirit of the ballot-box was allowed to take the place of the Holy Ghost in the first action of the Apostles after His (Christ's) departure—a statement fully verified by the circumstances attending the election of St. Matthias to the Brotherhood; when St. Peter, with his usual impetuosity, addressed the Apostles and Disciples assembled (the number of the names together being about one hundred and twenty) concerning the importance and necessity of ordaining one to take the place of the apostate Judas. They waited not for the coming of the Holy Ghost, in accordance with the Divine declaration, to enable them to *discern* and *choose*. They did not follow the great example of the Lord Himself, nor did they comply with the conditions for the possession of the Holy Spirit, by Whom alone they could be infallibly directed or guided in the choice of the one who was to "take part of the Ministry and Apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell." They spoke not, and, for aught we know, they thought not of the fearful consequences of the premature act they were about to perform; but, Peter-like, gave forth their lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, who, from that time, was numbered with the eleven Apostles. Thus early was his unholy expedient, the ballot-box, resorted to by the Church, for the accomplishment of her glorious designs, instead of the spirit-discerning instrumentality of the Holy Ghost."

It will thus be seen that the Apostles resorted, almost as soon as they were left to their own devices, to "the unholy expedient of the ballot-box," the very same outrageous mode by which we choose our public functionaries, instead of voting *viva voce*, and letting a majority decide, as in England, or in the College of Cardinals; Peter, with his usual impetuosity, "being at the bottom of it all."

We feel as we write what a painful shock this sad revelation will prove to the entire Christian public, and with what intense anxiety it will await the result of any further researches the *Churchman* may make into the New Testament and early Christian history. If the Apostles can be shown up in this way, what measure may we not expect to see dealt out to "the Fathers?" Tertullian, Chrysostom and Athanasius may well quake in their graves, when their betters are so severely handled.

Sad as is this apocalypse of apostolic misconduct which our cotemporary has been constrained to make—there is some consolation in knowing that our own unhappy electoral system can at least be traced back to a tolerably respectable source. When mourning over the delinquencies of public officials, and the frauds and corruption by which all our elections are disgraced, we have, at least, the relief of feeling that it was the Apostles who set the abominable system on foot. And sweeter still is the satisfaction which every patriot must experience, in the reflection that it was reserved for an American orthodox religious newspaper to expose the intolerable abuses attendant upon upon the election of Saint Matthias to the Apostolic Brotherhood.

Incendiary Newspapers.—The following paragraph is from a private letter from Washington:

"Positive information is now on record here, that incendiary Abolition articles and documents, which the *Tribune*, from its party position, dare not publish, are *regularly sent over to the Herald with a request for publication, and that these requests are never refused*. Upon this subject you will hear more when the Senate reassembles, and it is also very likely that certain of the Southern Legislatures, now in session, will take measures to have the *Herald* excluded from mail facilities within their respective jurisdictions. This is positive and from authority—though the source from whence the information comes cannot be made public until the action pointed out has been adopted."

The Abolitionists are not lacking in shrewdness, and they are playing the game of incendiary agitation just now with a good deal of skill and success. Their leading object is to fan the flame of excitement and alarm which now rages throughout the South, and to scattered their inflammatory documents as widely as possible in the Southern States. The columns of the Tribune would not answer this purpose at all,—but the *Herald* is precisely the organ which they need. Its editorial columns serve to hoodwink the easy innocents at the South, and thus give full and free currency to the Abolition harangues, letters, documents and miscellaneous appeals which crowd its news department.

Any one who doubts that the *Herald* has been regularly enlisted in the service of the Abolitionists, will have his doubts removed by reading Saturday's issue of that sheet. It is almost exclusively filled with Abolition plots for insurrection, addressed exclusively to the South, and intended to take effect among the free negroes and non-slaveholding whites of that section. The notorious H. C. Wright has four or five incendiary letters addressed to Southern men, which, we venture to say, no other paper in the North but the *Herald*, and the Abolition sheets of Frederick Douglass and W. L. Garrison, would consent to publish.

We do not believe, however, that any such steps as the writer of the letter referred to mentions, will be taken. The Southern Fire-Eaters find their purposes admirably served by the *Herald*. All either of them seek is to inflame and exasperate the public mind—to stir up strife and commotion, and thus plunge the country into the horrors of strife, insurrection, and civil war. Both are laboring directly for this end; and neither is likely to cripple the other in any movements tending to the attainment of their common object. The Disunionists of the South, and the Abolitionists of the North, aim at the same result—and both find in the *Herald* precisely the organ which they need.

Congressional Prospects.—The House of Representatives takes one ballot a day, and remains therewith content. The rest of the time has been devoted to talking. Hitherto the Democrats have had their part of the business mainly to themselves, as the Republicans have declined to permit themselves to be either provoked or seduced into such a general exchange of political compliments as debating in the House has now become. With very few exceptions, they have allowed their opponents to allege against them all conceivable heresies and malpractices, without taking the trouble either to refute their arguments or repudiate their charges. In one respect this policy has been wise:—it has saved them from the reproach of seeking to delay the organization of the House, and has withheld their aid, moreover, from the evident effort of the Democrats to postpone it as long as possible. It is not easy for any party to carry on a quarrel for a long time, when its opponents obstinately refuse to have any share in it;—and if the Republicans persist in their silence, it is evident the flow of talk must have an end.

A few of their members, however, are getting a little restive under this protracted inactivity, and have broken away from the party bond and made some exposition, on their own behalf, of their political position and opinions. Thus far they have not thereby given their opponents any special advantage over them in so doing. The tenor of their declarations has been to disclaim the ultraisms so lavishly imputed to them, and thus to spike the heaviest of the artillery leveled against them. None of them thus far have given the slightest countenance to the allegation that they upheld such invasions as that of Harper's Ferry, or even indorse the inflammatory appeals of Mr. Helper's book. They show no disposition to abandon Mr. Sherman as their candidate, and he continues on every ballot, to lack just *four* of the number required to elect. As the holidays are now upon us, and Congress expects to do nothing of importance for a week, it seems probable that the election of Speaker will also be postponed, practically, if not formally, until after New-Year's.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Gov. Wise and the Flag of Our Union.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 24.

The following is the correspondence received by the Philadelphia Union Meeting Committee:

RICHMOND, VA., Friday, Dec. 23.

To *James S. Gibbons, Esq.*:

DEAR SIR—By order of the General Assembly of Virginia, I send a copy of their resolutions to you, expressing a cordial response to the patriotic citizens of Philadelphia, on the presentation of a flag inscribed with their loyal devotion to the Union as framed, and the Constitution as construed by the fathers of the republic. With heartfelt congratulation upon these evidences of amity, I am, sir, with sincere respect for you personally, your obedient servant,

HENRY A. WISE.

Whereas, A large number of the patriotic citizens of Philadelphia have presented to the Commonwealth of Virginia a flag inscribed with an expression of their loyal devotion to the Union as framed, and the Constitution as construed, by the fathers of the Republic, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Virginia, That we gratefully accept this beautiful gift as a renewed evidence of the devoted patriotism of that heroic band of Northern conservatives, who have so long maintained an equal conflict with the assailants of our rights, and the enemies of our peace, and that, wherever fortune may invite or fate impel in the future, Virginia will cherish with affectionate gratitude the memory of those who so bravely encounter frowns of faction, and so nobly defy the fury of fanaticism.

Resolved, That the Governor of this Commonwealth be requested to communicate a copy of these resolutions to James S. Gibbons, Esq., of Philadelphia.

Passed in both Houses of the General Assembly, Dec. 22, 1859. W. F. GORDON, Clerk.

Horrible Murder at Albion, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Saturday, Dec. 24.

Pierpont Dyer, an esteemed citizen of Albion, Orleans County, was murdered last night in his grocery-store at that place. Being a bachelor, he lived in the store. His body was found lying on the floor this morning. The murder is supposed to have been done with an axe, or a similar instrument, as the top of his head was completely knocked in. Mr. Dyer was a man of wealth, but kept little or no money in his possession. The Coroner is now summoning a jury.

Patrick Cullinan has been arrested on suspicion. He rented rooms of Dyer; a difficulty existing between them, and he had threatened Dyer's life.

The Adultery Case in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Edwin W. Reed, of West Springfield, a music teacher, whose conduct, it is said, caused the death of a young woman whom he had seduced and deserted, was brought before the Police Court, to-day, on the charge of adultery, and failing to give bail in the sum of $1,500, he was committed for trial. Reed's alleged victim was a respectable young girl of Danby, Connecticut, and died recently at South Boston.

Non-Arrival of the Hungarian.

PORTLAND, Sunday, Dec. 25—11 P. M.

There are no signs of the steamer *Hungarian*. A heavy snow-storm is prevailing.

The Nova Scotian Outward Bound.

PORTLAND, Me., Saturday, Dec. 24.

The steamship *Nova Scotian* sailed this afternoon for Liverpool, with forty passengers and a full freight.

Non-Arrival of the Mails.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 25.

No mails North of Baltimore had reached this city up to this morning. They will not reach here until to-morrow.

From Boston.

BOSTON, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Col. Benjamin LorING, an aged and well-known citizen, died at his residence in Sumner-street today.

The Fire at Red Hook.—By the destruction of Frig's Mills, at Red Hook, Dutchess County, on Friday, the 16th inst., it is estimated that the loss will exceed $60,000. A young man, named Frank Lane, perished in the flames. [illegible] several of the employes slept in the building, but they all escaped with the exception of Mr. Lane. There was an insurance upon the property to the amount of $40,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Arrest.—[illegible] Jones or Gonzales.—Nov. 8, M. Isaac [illegible] Pilotine, who have [illegible] of late with [illegible] of the day, the Board of Detectives [illegible] the game, all further [illegible] ing thanks, [illegible] United States, on the case specially in point [illegible] thousands of Irish bretheren who have been [illegible] leave their country [illegible] and their home, and [illegible] memories of strangers. He recognized the [illegible] words then which had been uttered by the United Government in endeavoring thus to have, and [illegible] Dona indictory [illegible] the evidence of the [illegible] of liberal ideas in Spain which had induced [illegible] Government to tender a refuge on [illegible] and [illegible] the kindness of both Confederate and Federal [illegible] compliments, and now [illegible] the sympathy of the Jews in the United States [illegible] United the Jewish residents of the Northern States [illegible] 20,000 souls, numerating most of the [illegible] Most of the congregation having already [illegible] no formal resolution, was taken; but [illegible] had meant to give were requested to hand it to the President, Pastor or Trustees.

The Pensaro.—This new steamer, which was launched yesterday morning by Messrs. [illegible] vans & Sons, was built for Captain [illegible] intended to run on the West Coast of South America between Valparaiso and [illegible] which trade [illegible] hitherto been [illegible] steamers. She is a side-wheel steamer of 370 tons [illegible] den, being 108 feet on deck, 18 feet wide and 11 feet [illegible] depth of hold. Her frame is of white oak and [illegible] bottom planked with oak, and with [illegible] pine from the turn of the bilge upward. She is [illegible] nally braced with iron straps and is copper [illegible] has a mate and light equipment, and will have a [illegible] beam engine of 48-inch cylinder and 11 feet [illegible] built by the Morgan Iron Works Company. She will be ready early in the Spring.

The Weather on the Hudson—Navigation.—The thermometer stood at Poughkeepsie on Christmas-day morning, at 9 o'clock, at 12 degrees above zero. In that city there is capital sleighing, and the streets were alive with parties enjoying the sport. The river is fast freezing over. On Friday an immense field of ice, several miles in length, was carried by the tide opposite Poughkeepsie, and the ferry boat was detained some hours from its trips across the river. Between that city and New-Hamburgh the channel is yet open, but from that village to Rondout (nine miles,) the river is entirely frozen over, and persons on Saturday were skating upon it, and driving down as far Tarrytown, passengers being landed at Sing-Sing. The highest point on the river to which steamboats continue to run is Nyack.

Casualties.—Frederick McKinnon, of [illegible] years of age, fell from a Hudson River Railroad car at the corner of Hudson and Bedford streets while it was in motion, and sustained a fracture of the skull. He was conveyed to his parents' residence, corner of Jay and Hudson streets, [illegible] tion.... At an early hour yesterday morning, Michael McDaniel, a blind man, living at No. [illegible] Ninth-avenue, fell from the fourth-story window of his premises No. 408 Ninth-avenue, and broke both his legs. He was conveyed to the New-York Hospital. [illegible] Gaetano Wienna, a German, recently arrived in this country, was found nearly frozen to death under a sloop in Fifty-fourth-street. He was placed under the care of the Commissioner of Emigration.

The Wilson Industrial School.—The managers of this well-deserving institution desire us to say that they will be happy to receive the friends of the enterprise at their annual Christmas festival, on Thursday, Dec. 29, at No. 137 Avenue A. The exercises, which will consist of recitations and singing by the children, and addresses by several friends of the school, will commence at 11 A. M. At the close of the exercises there will be a distribution of various garments and other suitable New-Year gifts, and the children will partake of a collation provided by the liberality of the friends of the school.

Tax Receipts.—However favorable to book publishers, jewelers, silk and toy dealers the week before Christmas may have been in a monetary view, it has not been so to the City Treasury. During the past week the tax receipts were only $16,[illegible] against $230,127 69 the week previous. There still remains unpaid upon the tax levy $1,[illegible] which the statute requires should be paid by the end of the present month. As after the 1st of January, 12 per cent. interest will be exacted upon all unpaid taxes, it is highly probable that the present week will witness a lively rush to the tax office.

Attempted Suicide and Incendiarism.—Louisa Fischer, a German woman living at the Institution upon at the corner of Ninth-avenue and Forty-fourth-street, attempted to end her own existence, as well as that of her infant, by setting fire to her clothing. Her screams attracted the attention of a neighbor, who extinguished the flames before either herself or the child was much injured. The husband of the unfortunate woman says that she is subject to paroxysmal attacks of insanity.

An Honest Finder.—On Saturday afternoon James Hayward, an agent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, called on Deputy Superintendent Carpenter, and exhibited a pocket-book containing a large sum of money, in $10 and $20 bills on the Genesee Bank, of Madison County, N. Y. Mr. Hayward stated that he had picked up the book in the cars at the Suspension Bridge, at Niagara Falls, while en route to this City, and he desired Deputy Carpenter to keep it until an owner could be found.

Weekly Report of the New-York Hospital.

Remaining on Dec. 18	246
Admitted to Dec. 23	23
Discharged, cured or relieved	20
Died	1
Remaining at date	251
Males	199
Females	52

Board of Aldermen.

SPECIAL MEETING—NON-CONCURRENCE IN APPROPRIATING $20,000 FOR PRINTING NOT ORDERED BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen held a special meeting at 2 P. M. on Saturday, for the purpose of taking action with regard to the appropriation of $20,000 for "Printing for Departments not ordered by the Street Department," added to the further appropriations for the current year by the Board of Councilmen.

Alderman Adams and Brady did not understand why this appropriation should be made. It was an outrage to ask them to make it.

The President stated that the Comptroller had called on him and assured him that if the appropriation was made, none of it would be expended except in the payment of *bona fide* claims. The Comptroller had said he knew nothing of the printing provided for by the appropriation.

Aldermen Adams, Brady, Tucker and Lyons voted against the motion to concur, which was made by Alderman Price, and it was lost for want of a constitutional vote.

On motion of Alderman Brady the vote was reconsidered.

Alderman Boole urged the Board to concur with the Councilmen.

Alderman Green intimated that the appropriation was needed to pay for printing of the Board of Councilmen, and moved that the Board adhere to its former action.

Alderman Adams said if the appropriation was made, it would be made the basis for such claims for expenses as had been foisted upon the City before. Gentlemen might stretch their consciences so as to vote for it. He would not.

The Board refused to adhere to its former action, laid the whole matter on the table, on motion of Alderman Price, and adjourned.

Fires.

IN WEST THIRTY-SIXTH-STREET.

Yesterday morning, about 6 o'clock, the two story frame stable in the rear of No. [illegible] West Thirty-sixth-street, owned and occupied by James H. Hayward, was discovered in flames. The building, valued at $500, was destroyed, and two horses, worth $350, were suffocated. A frame building in the rear of No. 220 West Thirty-seventh-street, ow

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS.

How the Day was Observed.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL. [illegible] EVE (SATURDAY).—[illegible] of Trinity Church [illegible] to the coming Christmas, on Saturday afternoon, and the gaiety and [illegible] of the office were [illegible] by children who [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] and enjoy their holidays. It was the Christmas festival of the people of the parish, [illegible] with the Church. The [illegible] had turned within the chancel rail [illegible] was a scene which could not [illegible] the journey [illegible] City, which most of the [illegible] made to witness. There were the [illegible] who took part in the religious observances [illegible] the introduction to Sunday Church [illegible] children [illegible] that rose along the walls and [illegible] the [illegible] hung from the [illegible] and [illegible] there were the [illegible] in their best, [illegible] in the central pews, and there were the numerous concourse of ladies and gentlemen [illegible] the book ground of the gallery. At the appointed hour the Christmas carols of the [illegible] were [illegible], and the exercises began. The officiating clergymen were Rev. Dr. Berrian, and [illegible] Rev. Mr. Burge, assistants; [illegible] Rev. Mr. Hammond, and Wm. Hoskins, and [illegible] Rev. Dr. Vinton, and the evening prayer; Rev. F. W. Shepherd [illegible] the lessons, and Rev. Dr. Dix read the concluding [illegible]. The [illegible] was the singing, in which the [illegible] took part very effectively. The Carols were [illegible] and Mrs. Mee were exceedingly [illegible] by the choir alone. "The Children of the Temple," a Christmas song, words and music by Mr. Corson, the organist of the church, with symphonies [illegible] organ accompaniment, elicited a great deal of [illegible]. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Berrian, and then the door which connects the vestibule of the main entrance with the interior of the church was thrown open, and an immense Christmas tree, loaded with toy-fruit and confections, and illuminated by countless lanterns of various hues, suspended from its branches, was exposed to view; and on a table near it were all the appliances of the baby-house—dolls, horses, dead rabbits stuffed ones, not of the natural species) drums, trumpets and sabres and all the "[illegible] and [illegible] of glorious" Santa Claus. The clergymen, led by the sexton, with his staff of office, marched up the middle aisle, two abreast, passed around the tree, and then returned to the chancel. The children next, one class at a time, advanced to the tree, lustened their presents, and returned to their seats with expressions of happiness stamped on their little countenances. Their friends of a larger growth yonder lingered awhile to contemplate the delightful scene gradually the assemblage dispersed and all left the temple departed.

CEREMONIES AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

DIV. DR. CAHILL ON TRANSUBSTANTIATION.

There was a vast concourse in attendance at St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday morning, partly to witness the ceremonies with which the anniversary of the birth of Christ is commemorated, but mainly to listen to a discourse which was to be delivered by the noted Irish orator, Dr. Cahill. Archbishop Hughes, assisted by numerous clergy, introduced the exercises of the morning with the imposing ceremonies of the Catholic Church. At their conclusion Dr. Cahill came forward. Taking the whole of the New Testament for his text, he referred to the fact that this was the anniversary of the Saviour's birth, and then proceeded to adduce a lengthy argument in favor of the doctrine of Transubstantiation. He pleaded that the Gospel must be taken in their literal sense, on this as well as on other subjects. If this were done, the Rev. Doctor argued, the conclusion would be irresistible; for the bread and wine become in fact the body and blood of Christ. The discourse occupied an hour and a half in its delivery, but was breathlessly listened to until its close. The speaker thanked the audience for their attention, and concluded with an eloquent appeal in behalf of the orphans.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

This institution will have its usual dinner and festival to-day. The children are to assemble in the school-room at 12 o'clock, and, after interesting preliminary exercises, will partake of dinner at one o'clock. When this shall have been disposed of, the Christmas tree will be unstripped for the chapel. All friends of the institution will be welcome.

SKATING AT CENTRAL PARK.

That mythical character, Jack Frost, had nearly completed his work on the skating-pond at Central Park, Saturday. There were a few scores of impatient people on the borders of the glazed sheet of water in the morning, anxiously waiting for the red ball to be hoisted, and desiring that they knew the ice was strong enough to bear them. But the powers that be hesitated. The ice had not knit together firmly enough to support on its surface such numbers as glided over it last Winter, and the signal, which can be seen, with a telescope of moderate powers, from any elevated point in the City, might bring crowds of boys and men all too anxious to enjoy the first skating of the season. At noon it was determined to give those who had gathered an opportunity to make their blood, which was almost congealed by the cold, circulate more briskly; so at it they went, young men and old. The Caledonia Curling Club occupied the lower end of the pond, practicing for their approaching contest. The winds which blew with almost restless force, gave those unskilled in the graceful art an excellent opportunity to learn how to stand on two thin parallel strips of iron, while it interfered seriously with the curvetings of the amateurs, who wished to display their skill to the lookers-on. By dark there were but few who were obstinate enough to maintain their position.

Yesterday the ice was strengthened, and it was most fortunate that the cold of the preceding night did so much towards strengthening it. The intensely cold winds which prevailed Saturday, seemed to insist on keeping the ice clear and the day from being broken, but it was all in vain. There were many who determined it was fortunate that Christmas came on Sunday, as they could not take Monday for a holiday. These, however, who have the time to spare, will witness an exciting scene to-day, if they think but to muffle themselves up so as to defy the cold.

The cars, last evening, were thronged on all the routes which extend as far as the Park. Those who could not get inside stood on the platforms, and those who could not do that were content to pay five cents for the privilege of hanging on.

CHRISTMAS ELSEWHERE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

BOSTON, Sunday, Dec. 25.

Christmas, and the religious associations of its commemoration, were the subject of discourses in most of our churches to-day. To-morrow will be observed as a legal holiday, and consequently the Custom-house and all the Banks will be closed, and business generally suspended. All our newspapers will suspend publication from Monday morning until Tuesday noon. The weather continues cold, but pleasant.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Dec. 24.

To-morrow will be generally observed here as a holiday. The newspapers will all suspend their publication.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 25.

All the papers in this city, and in the cities as far South as Augusta, will suspend their publication [illegible]

[illegible] THEATRE.—[illegible] Richard's [illegible] Christmas [illegible] Richmond [illegible] its site [illegible] everybody [illegible] their friend go to see it. The [illegible] are taken up with [illegible] greatest precision, and the language enjoys all [illegible] significance of which it is capable, without [illegible] many cheap literary improvements from the [illegible] system. A more suitable entertainment for the [illegible] could not be found.

[illegible] have not heard that this piece is taken from the [illegible] There seems to be some uncertainty on the [illegible] and, in despair, therefore, the cavillers make [illegible] as the plot cannot be traced, there [illegible] necessarily, be no plot—a kindly conclusion, to [illegible] hypercriticism frequently resorts. The plot [illegible] certainly, not very intricate. It is revealed in the [illegible] of the play, for any one with a grain of imagination [illegible] or an atom of experience can understand [illegible] peculiarities of a human creature who undertakes [illegible] everybody's friend. The author has availed himself of the scope afforded by a happy idea, and [illegible] devoted himself to the sketching of character [illegible] than the development of plot. His success [illegible] a great extent entirely on the merits of the acting [illegible] principal parts, *Mr.* and *Mrs. Felix Fuzzbury* [illegible] the other characters are thoroughly co[illegible] and in feebler hands [illegible] [illegible] The polite weakness which [illegible] the gentleman which he discovers [illegible] the faithful helm of his courting days becomes [illegible] the infallible domestic economist of his married [illegible] the enthusiasm with which the lady audits the [illegible] of her household, and assumes the dreadful responsibility of prohibiting early peas, on the ground of excessive cost; the half-suppressed yawns which [illegible] and the little frivolous plot with which a [illegible] chasm is happily bridged, these are the pleasant realities which engross the business and attention of those long acts, and afford an evening of light, cheerfully amusement seldom enjoyed in these [illegible]

[illegible] Sage, Esq., author, as you know well, is every thing, and, you must add, that he is no more than that Wallack would a piece of this description, he gives with any certainty of success. It certainly is one of the features of good society; the constant conversation and continuity which characterize well-bred life. There is no actual [illegible] of this knowledge on Mr. Sage's part; his manners are free and unconstrained, and improved to the highest appreciation of domestic comedy. The last act of this piece is peculiarly trying, from the fact that it requires an effort of dizzy which might easily degenerate into mere dancing. Mr. Mason, good actor and full appreciation of position, gave it, from the common danger, and enable him to give to one of the best performances we have seen for many a long day. Mr. Lawton Worrell, one and [illegible] on the stage, is peculiarly adaptable to Fuzzbury, and those two are the leading characters of the piece. Mr. Lawton [illegible] the author's meaning, and, good, improving it, make the character which consists his chief strength, and which the author who said that "Everybody's Friend" was a mere title. It is a domestic story, narrated in the most charming way by the best comedy in America, and is certainly any of the commonplace of its course. It will be given to-night with a crowded house.

PARADISE GARDENS.—A pleasant miscellaneous concert was given here Thursday evening by a number of artists and amateurs as a mark of respect to Mr. C. Wannemacher Sonnen, a gentleman who conducts a [illegible] in the musical public. The programme was lengthy and varied in its character, and was interpreted by the members of the Mendelssohn Union, Miss Kemble, Mr. Chas. Sessers, Mr. Wm. Mason, Mr. Sonnen, Mrs. Meeker, Mr. Bonnesen, Dr. Gunzberg, and Miss Kate Comstock. Most of these artists are well known to the public, and [illegible] Mr. Sonnen, the violinist, is new to us, and we are uncertain whether he is an "artist or amateur." His powers should, we think, be estimated by the standard of the latter. [illegible] large and [illegible] for the [illegible] Mr. Sonnen to be [illegible] on a future occasion. All the [illegible] strength and beauty of STEINWAY's grand pianos, are needed to fill so large an open space. That they are sufficient was amply proved by the admirable performance of Mr. Wm. Mason, a gentleman who is heard much too seldom in our City. There is a character in the compositions of this gentleman which entitle them to the individual interpretation of the composer, and we can see no reason why he should not give concerts for the express purpose of playing them. Two charming overtures were played last night—*Silverspring*, and a quaint country dance. Both pieces were received with the greatest favor. The attendance was good but not at all commensurate with the merits of Mr. Mosman, or what he had a right to expect.

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AYMAR.—In this City, on Friday, Dec. 23, in her 26th year, ELEANOR KIRKLAND, wife of Edmond H. Aymar, and daughter of E. S. Clark.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, at Calvary Church, on Monday, Dec. 26, at 10½ o'clock.

BAILEY.—In this City, on Friday, Dec. 23, Mrs. SARAH BAILEY, widow of Wm. Bailey, in her 82d year.

The friends of the family and of her sons-in-law, Robert H. Leathem, Alexander Leathem and Wm. Collins, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 27 4th-st., on Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

HUNTINGTON.—In this City, on Friday morning, Dec. 23, JULIA E. HUNTINGTON, widow of the late Joseph C. Huntington, in the 51st year of her age.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, at the residence of her brother, David Stuart Hoyt, No. 52 East 27th-st., on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 10 o'clock.

DUFFIELD.—In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 25, [illegible] and Sarah U. Duffield, and Frances E. Duffield, aged 10 years, 8 months and 25 days.

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Once a jewel lovely gem
But my joy was turned to weeping
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Then I heard the Saviour say,
Cease to sorrow—for my jewelry
I have found thy lost jewel.

To the spirit filled with sorrow
Are these words of comfort sent?
Cease to weep—for I have found thee
Come, for I am near for you.

Fairer than the dawn of morning
Brighter than the stars of night,
More than gem my crown adorning
Is a gem of heavenly light.

[illegible] Sunday, Dec. 25, [illegible] of Rector St. and Harrison-st., [illegible] Dec. 26, at 2 o'clock P. M.

[illegible] Dec. 25, [illegible] of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further invitation, on Tuesday morning, [illegible] Dec. 25, [illegible] Dec. 26, at 2 o'clock P. M.

MAGUIRE.—In this City, on Friday evening, Dec. 23, JOHN MAGUIRE, compositor of the Emigrant Industrial Office, in the 27th year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. [illegible] Monday, Dec. 26, at 10 o'clock, A. M., thence to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral.

[illegible] Dec. 25, [illegible] a short illness, [illegible] Fox, aged 42 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his brother, Edward Fox, No. 241 West 23d-st., on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, at 10 o'clock, without further invitation.

OSBORN.—In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 25, JAMES A. OSBORN, youngest son of the late James Osborn, aged 5 months and 14 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are requested to attend his funeral, from the residence of his uncle, John J. Tait, No. 31 Carmine-st., at 1 o'clock this (Monday) afternoon.

COLOT.—In this City, on Saturday, Dec. 24, after a lingering illness, GEORGE COLOT, in the 40th year of his age.

His friends and relatives, also the members of Getty Lodge No. 11 I. O. of O. F., are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 100 Wooster-st., on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, at 9 o'clock. His remains will be taken to Staten Island for interment.

GUTHRIE.—In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 25, of disease of the brain, EDWARD R., only son of George and M. L. Guthrie, aged 4 years 6 months and 13 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 150 West 36th-st., on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 1 o'clock P. M.

FOOTE.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday, Dec. 24, ANNA JOSEPHINE, youngest daughter of A. W. and Elizabeth E. Foote, aged 3 years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of her parents, on Clermont-av., second house south of De Kalb-av., Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 2 o'clock P. M.

MULLIGAN.—At Astoria, L. I., on Saturday, Dec. 24, ELLEN WEBSTER, wife of William Mulligan, in the 42 year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, on Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock P. M., without further invitation. The steamer *Mattano* will leave Fulton-slip at 1 o'clock.

SPERR.—At Orange, N. J., Saturday, Dec. 24, NANCY, relict of the late Charles Starr, in the 67th year of her age.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from No. 23 Vandam-st., on Tuesday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

WHITNEY.—At Milton Hill, near Boston, on Friday, Dec. 23, Gen. MOSES WHITNEY, aged 88 years.

BAKER.—At Piermont, on Friday, Dec. 23, JOHN R. BAKER, aged 54 years.

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DRY GOODS,
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An entire front near 80th-st.
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Sixty-second-st.—4 lots near 5th-av., free from rock.
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Seventy-second-st.—4 lots near 5th-av.
Seventy-sixth-st.—10 lots near 5th-av.
Eighteenth-st.—9 lots near 9th-av.
Eighty-fourth-st.—4 lots near 9th-av.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE NEAR THE HUDSON RIVER FOR SALE.—The homestead of the late John Tillotson, Esq., will be sold on the premises on the 4th inst. next, at 12 o'clock M., by an order of the Supreme Court for the purpose of distribution among the heirs. It is situated in Dutchess County, two miles from the Fishkill Station, on the Hudson River Railroad, and contains 220 acres of choice land, unusually well watered. The Matteawan or Fishkill Creek runs nearly a mile through the estate and affords many beautiful sites for building. There is a variety and abundance of fruit; a very pleasant mansion house, delightfully situated; and commodious stables, carriage houses, &c. The society of the neighborhood is very refined and congenial, and is not surpassed anywhere; and the surrounding country is not equaled in the Union in grandeur, beauty and abundance.
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Any further information can be had upon application to JAMES A. TILLOTT, Fishkill Landing, N. Y., CALEB M. TILLOTT, Newburgh, N. Y., JOB WRIGHT, Esq., 132 Broad-st., New-York; or CHARLES E. MORTON, No. 36½ Pine-st., room No. 9; or JOHN F. GREEN, No. 229 Fulton-st., New-York.—Dated Dec. 5, 1859.
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TO LET—OFFICES I

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THE SHAREHOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST DIVIDEND of 3½ per cent. on the 81 shares Capital Stock of this Company, will be paid at this office, on and after Jan. 2, 1860.
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DOUGLAS ROBINSON, Secretary.

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WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
No. 63 Broadway.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF KENTUCKY TEN PER CENT. BONDS.—Whereas, by an Act approved 1st March, 1854, the STATE of the bonds of the State were issued to the Lexington and Ohio Railroad Company, payable on 1st January, 1861, and payable upon the New-York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and delivery of said bonds to the City of New-York, bearing the date thereof, but the State on the face of said bonds reserved the power to redeem the principal sum at her pleasure at any time after the expiration of fifteen years from the date thereof, which period will expire on the 1st day of January, 1860. Notice is hereby given that the money will be deposited in the Bank of America, in the City of New-York, ready to be paid to the holders of said bonds, and after the 1st day of January, 1860, the same will cease to be a charge upon the State of Kentucky, and after said date no interest will be paid on said bonds. And whereas, $90,000 of bonds were issued under acts of Feb. 22, 1856, and March 1, 1857, bearing date from 7th October, 1856, to 20th June, 1858, with a similar privilege reserved on the face of said bonds, to pay at the end of fifteen years, notice is also hereby given that said bonds will be paid at the Bank of America, New-York, at the end of said term of years from the date of said bond, and after that date no interest will be paid thereon.
C. S. MOREHEAD,
Governor and Chairman of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Kentucky.
By the Governor: MASON BROWN, Secretary of State.

Bureau of the Illinois Central Railroad Co.,
New-York, Dec. 9, 1859.
AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, held this day, it was
RESOLVED, That a dividend upon the Capital Stock of the Company of Ten Dollars per share be, and the same is hereby called, payable on the 1st day of FEBRUARY NEXT, and that the same be payable on the Stock registered in the City of New-York at the office of the Company in that City, and on the Stock registered in London at the office of Messrs. ROBERT BENSON & Co., upon the certificates entitling payment thereof, as follows, may pay the same at the rate of 4s. 1d. per dollar.
RESOLVED, That the Transfer Books be closed on the 20th of JANUARY next, and remain closed until the 1st day of FEBRUARY thereafter, and that no transfer be permitted, after that date, of shares upon which such dividend shall not have been paid; that interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum be allowed upon all such payments made previous to the first of FEBRUARY to that date, from the time of such payment.
By order of the Board,
J. M. PERKINS,
Treasurer.

Office of New-York, Department of Finance,
Comptroller's Office, Dec. 21, 1859.
REDEMPTION OF NEW-YORK CITY STOCKS.—Notice is hereby given to the holders of "The Five per Cent. Water Stock of the City of New-York," issued in pursuance of the Act, Chap. 368, passed May 4, 1857, and redeemable on and after Jan. 1, 1860, authorized by the issue of two millions five hundred thousand dollars, that the same will be redeemed and paid at the office on the 31 day of January, 1860, at which time the interest thereon will cease.
Notice is also hereby given that the outstanding certificates of "The Five per Cent. Water Stock of the City of New-York," issued in pursuance of the Act, Chapter 237, passed March 18, 1857, which became due and payable on and after Jan. 1, 1859, will be paid on presentation to the proper office, and interest thereon will cease on said 1st day of January 1860.
ROBERT T. HAWS, Comptroller.

"A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EMIGRANT INDUSTRIAL SAVINGS BANK, held at their Banking-house this day, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:
RESOLVED, That this Board has heard with regret the announcement of the death of John Manning, Esq., Comptroller of this Bank.
RESOLVED, That the late Mr. Manning, having been connected with the Bank from its organization, has always evinced a laudable interest in its permanent success, and during his official term as Comptroller, devoted to its duties a patient and laborious attention and scrupulous fidelity, which deserves from this Board an earnest expression of regret for his unexpected loss.
RESOLVED, That this Board attend the funeral in a body; that these proceedings be published, and that a copy of these resolutions, duly attested, be sent to the bereaved family.
JOSEPH STUART, President.
Louis R. Ricman, Secretary.

Sixth Ward Savings Bank, No. 3 Chambers-st.,
New-York, Dec. 24, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—THE DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY notified of a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND, at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. on all sums of one dollar and SIX PER CENT. on all sums of five dollars and upwards, which have been deposited at least three months previous to the first of JANUARY, will be allowed to depositors, payable on and after the 15th of January, during the hours of business at the Bank.
All interest not called for will remain as principal and shall bear interest from the 1st of January. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Thursdays from 6 to 7 o'clock, P. M.
PETER B. TITUS, President.
A. H. Vermilye, Secretary.

Office of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Co., corner 42d-st. and 5th-av.,
New-York, Oct. 27, 1859.
NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—THIS COMPANY offers to the holders of its bonds, due Dec. 1, 1859, one-half cash, and the balance in first and only mortgage bonds, due in 1876, upon terms which it is believed may be satisfactory to the bondholders. For particulars inquire at the Treasurer's office.
W. DEMENT, Treasurer.

Broadway Bank, New-York, Dec. 17, 1859.
TWENTIETH DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL Dividend of Five per Cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, from the profits of the current six months, will be paid on and after the 2d January ensuing.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the day of payment. By order
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

ROSE HILL SAVINGS' BANK, CORNER of 4th-st. and 5th-av. Open daily from 1 to 5 P. M. On Wednesdays and Saturdays until 7 P. M. All moneys deposited on late as the 10th day of January will draw interest from the 1st.
RICHARD H. BULL, Secretary.

Bank for Savings, No. 67 Bleecker-st.,
October 20, 1859.
NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.—IN ORDER TO avoid and prevent incidental errors, and to furnish depositors in this Institution, having accounts not exceeding for more than seven years, to send their pass-books to the Bank to be written up, by direction of the Trustees.
JAMES DE PEYSTER OGDEN, Sec.

Office of the Oil & Min. Canal Co.,
New-York, Dec. 1, 1859.
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Three and a half per cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after Wednesday, the 21st inst. at the Office of the Company, No. 20 William-st., corner of Pine-st., in this City. The Transfer Books are now closed and will remain closed until the morning of the 19th inst. By order of the Board,
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office of the State of Illinois,
Springfield, Ill., November 15, 1859.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Treasurer of the State of Illinois will, on the first day of January, 1860, and from day to day thereafter, pay the interest on the State of Illinois bonds, at the American Exchange Bank, in the City of New-York, pay the interest on the Public Debt of the State of Illinois.
WILLIAM BUTLER, Treasurer.

Office Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad Co., Cleveland, O., Dec. 20, 1859.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company, for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, O., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1860. The transfer books in the office of New-York and Cleveland will be closed from Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, inclusive.
GEO. A. RUSSELL, Secretary.

Mechanics' Exchange Bank,
In the City of New-York, Dec. 21, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF three and a half (3½) per cent. on the capital stock of this Bank, out of the profits of the current six months, will be paid on and after 2d day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from this date until 2d inclusive.
By order,
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—CONTINENTAL BANK, NEW-York, Dec. 20, 1859: A dividend of three and a half per cent., out of the capital stock of this Bank, from the earnings of the past six months, will be paid on and after WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January, ensuing. The transfer books will be closed from this date until the 4th proximo.
E. W. TALMAN, Assistant Cashier.

"IN THE INTEREST.—THE INTEREST DUE 1ST of January on the Bonds of this Town, will be paid at the office of the Bank of America, on and after the 1st inst. (not January 1st,) at our office, No. 124 Broadway.
ATWOOD & CO.

Office of the New-York Gas Light Company,
New-York, Dec. 21, 1859.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THIRTEEN Trustees of this Company will be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of January next, from 11 to 12 o'clock, at the Office, No. 16 Chatham-st. The Transfer Books will be closed from this date until after the election.
C. L. EVERITT, Secretary.

Office of the Minnesota State Bank, Dec. 20, 1859.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MINNESOTA STATE BANK will be held at the Bank, on 1st January next, when a dividend of the net earnings of the Bank will be made, and a report of the condition of the Bank will be made to the Stockholders.
E. W. ASHTON, State Treasurer.

BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1859.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Three (3) per cent. out of the profits of the past six months, payable to the stockholders on the 2d day of January next.
GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier.

AN ELECTION OF FIVE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-YORK BALANCE-DOOR COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 40 Wall-st., Jerseys Court, in the City of New-York, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., on the second Wednesday in January next. Dated New-York, Dec. 22, 1859.
JAMES E. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD CO.—The Coupons due 1st of January, 1860, on $400,000 First Mortgage Bonds of said Company, will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1860, at the office of
SCHUCHARDT & SCHRADER.

FINANCIAL.

METROPOLITAN BANK, NO. 108 BROADWAY—New-York, Dec. 23, 1859.—DIVIDEND.—The Directors of the Metropolitan Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Four Per Cent., payable after the next meeting of January next.
The Transfer Books are closed. They will be reopened Jan. 5, 1860.
GEO. I. SEERY, Cashier.

GAS LIGHT STOCKS FOR SALE,
in various City Companies, paying from Eight to Twelve per cent. dividends.
JOHN B. MURRAY,
No. 56 Wall-st., New-York.
Office of the American Gas Light Journal.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EMIGRANT INDUSTRIAL SAVINGS BANK, held at their banking house this afternoon, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:
Resolved, That this Board has heard with regret the announcement of the death of JOHN MANNING, Esq., Comptroller of this Bank.
Resolved, That the late Mr. MANNING having been connected with the Bank from its organization, has always evinced a laudable interest in its permanent success, and during his official term as Comptroller, devoted to its duties a patient and laborious attention and scrupulous fidelity, which deserves from this Board an earnest expression of regret for his unexpected loss.
Resolved, That this Board attend the funeral in a body; that the proceedings be published, and that a copy of these resolutions, duly attested, be sent to the bereaved family.
LOUIS R. RICHMAN, Secretary.
New-York, Dec. 24, 1859.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK.—NO. 1 THIRD-av., corner 18th-st. OPEN DAILY from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock.
Money deposited on or before Jan. 1st will commence bearing interest from that date, at the rate of 5 per cent. on sums of $100 and under, and at 6 per cent. on larger amounts.
THOMAS B. STILLMAN, President.
F. W. Ewer, } Vice-Presidents.
Chas. Mann, }
I. T. Smith, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.—The holders of the Bonds and Stock of this Company are hereby notified that the time to sign the contract for the reorganization of the Company expires on the 1st of January next. Those wishing to become parties to it are respectfully urged to send their assents without delay to HORATIO N. OTIS, No. 45 Wall-st., New-York, or to the subscribers.
Forms for the contract, as well as blank contracts, may be had at the office of the Company, No. 44 Wall-st.
The undersigned will be prepared on and after the 20th instant to receive the bonds and certificates that are to be exchanged for scrip.
New-York, Dec. 7, 1859.
DUDLEY S. GREGORY,
J. C. RANCROFT DAVIS, } Trustees.

Office of the Panama Railroad Company,
Tontine Buildings, No. 28 Wall-st.,
New-York, Dec. 20, 1859.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of Six Per Cent. on the Capital Stock of the Company, out of the earnings of the road, for the six months ending Dec. 31, payable on and after Jan. 2, next, to Stockholders, or their legal representatives, who are such at the closing of the Books on the 20th inst.
The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the morning of Jan. 4.
AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN,
Treasurer.

DIVIDEND—PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 201 Broadway, corner of Park-place.—New-York, December 15, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Six (70) per cent., payable on and after 3d of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the 26 of January, inclusive.
WM. JAFFRAY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND—ATLANTIC BANK, BROOKLYN.—A semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock of this Bank has been declared out of the profits for the six months ending the 31st inst., payable on and after the 3d day of January next. The transfer book will be closed until the day of payment.
By order of the Board of Directors.
WM. C. RUSHMORE, Cashier.

BANK OF NEW-YORK.—THE BOARD OF Directors of the Bank of New-York have this day declared a Dividend of Three (3) per Cent. on the Capital Stock of the Bank for the current six months, payable to the Stockholders on and after the 4th day of January. The Transfer Books will be closed from this date until Jan. 4.
W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

INTEREST NOTICE.—THE SEMI-ANNUAL Interest on the bonds of the Joliet and Chicago Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, 1860, will be paid on presentation of the proper coupons, at the office of M. K. JESUP & CO., Bankers, No. 44 Exchange-place, on and after Jan. 3.
GEO. BARNET, President.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE FIFTY SHARES OF New-York and New-Haven Railroad genuine stock. Apply to E. MEIGS, Jr. & SMITH, No. 39 William-st.

CALIFORNIA STATE AND SAN FRANCISCO City Interest Coupons purchased by DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.

CALIFORNIA STATE AND SAN FRANCISCO City Coupons bought by AUGUST BELMONT & CO., No. 63 Wall-st.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—FARE 25 TO ALBANY.
On and after Thursday, Dec. 15, 1859, trains will leave 26th-st. Station, New-York, as follows:
For Williams' Bridge—8:30 and 11 A. M.; 3:30 and 5:30 P. M.
For White Plains—12:30 and 5 P. M.
For White Plains—6:15 P. M., from depot corner White and Centre sts.
For Croton Falls—4 P. M., from 26th-st.
For Millerton—5 P. M., from 26th-st.
For Albany—5 A. M., from 26th-st. Mail train.
For Albany—3:30 P. M., from 26th-st. Express train.
All through trains connect with the New-York Central Railroad for the West.
RETURNING, WILL LEAVE
Williams' Bridge—8:40 and 9:30 A. M.; 1 and 3:40 P. M.
White Plains—8 and 9:20 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
Croton Falls—7 A. M.; Millerton—7 A. M.
Albany—11 A. M., Mail, and 3:45 P. M., Express trains.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Connecting at New-Hampton with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—Commencing Dec. 19, 1859.—Leave New-York for Easton and intermediate places, from foot of Cortlandt-st., at 8 A. M., 12 M., and 4:30 P. M. For Somerville, by the above trains, at 5:30 P. M. From Pier No. 2, North River, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M., and 4 P. M. for Easton and intermediate stations. For Somerville, by the above trains, at 4:30 P. M.
The 12 M. train from foot of Cortlandt-st., and the 11:30 A. M. train from Pier No. 2, North River, make a close connection at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and thence, via East Pennsylvania Railroad, to Reading, without change of cars, and connects at Reading direct for Pottsville and Harrisburgh.
Passengers for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad will leave New-York, from foot of Cortlandt-st., at 8 A. M., or at 7:30 from Pier No. 2, North River. For Lehigh Valley Railroad, at 8 A. M. and 12 M. from foot of Cortlandt-st., or from Pier No. 2, North River, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M.
JOHN G. STERNS, Superintendent.

Office Central Railroad Co. of New-Jersey,
New-York, Dec. 19, 1859.
ON AND AFTER MONDAY, DEC. 19, THE passenger trains of the Central Railroad Company of New-Jersey will be run to and from Jersey City and New-York without change of cars. Connections by the Elizabethport Ferry will also be kept up.
JOHN T. JOHNSTON, President.

NEW-YORK TO NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, SPRINGFIELD, NORTHAMPTON, AND TOWNS ON THE LINE OF VERMONT RAILROADS.—Fare to New-Haven, 61.
THE ELM CITY, Capt. Lewis, will leave Pier No. 28, East River, on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 P. M. THE CITY OF HARTFORD, Capt. Simpson, will leave on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 3 P. M. Returning, leave New-Haven on alternate nights, (except Sunday,) at 11 P. M. No charge for Berths. THE TRAVELER, Capt. Bowne, will leave at 4 P. M. on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY. Passengers for the Railroads can remain on board over night without charge.
Merchandise forwarded to Vermont, Western New-Hampshire, Northern New-York and Canada. Apply to FRANCIS HYDE, General Agent New-York, Ogdensburgh and Montreal Railroad Transportation Line, Pier No. 28, East River, New-York.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—Passenger trains leave pier foot of Duane-st. as follows, viz.: Dover Express, at 7 A. M. for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Canandaigua, and principal intermediate stations. Way Passenger, at 3½ P. M., for Newburgh, Port Jervis, and intermediate stations. Night Express, at 4½ P. M. for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Canandaigua, and principal stations. The Express trains connect at Elmira with the Canandaigua and Niagara Falls Railroad; at Binghamton, with the Syracuse Railroad; at Corning, with the Buffalo and New-York Railroad, for Hornellsville and Buffalo; at Great Bend, with the Railroad for Scranton; and at Buffalo and Dunkirk, with the Lake shore Railroad for Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, &c., and the Canada Railroads.
C. MINOT, General Superintendent.
N. Marsh, Receiver.

NEW-YORK AND FLUSHING RAILROAD CO.—Leave Fulton Market-slip for FLUSHING, per steamer MATTANO, at 9 A. M., 1 P. M., 4 P. M., and 6 P. M., connecting with cars at Hunter's Point. Returning, leave Flushing at 6:30, 8 and 10 A. M., and 2 and 5 P. M. Extra trains leave Hunter's Point at 7:45 A. M. and 11:15 and 11:45 A. M. Returning, leave Flushing at 7 A. M.; passengers by this train will cross the 26th-st. Ferry. Fare 10 cents. Fare from Fulton Market-slip, 20 cents. All above trains stop at the way stations, Calvary Cemetery, Winfield, Newtown and West Flushing. On Sundays cars leave Hunter's Point for Flushing and all way stations at 9:30, 11, 2 and 6 o'clock; returning, leave Flushing at 9:45, 10, 3 and 4:30 o'clock. Excursion tickets for the trip, 25 cents.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—FROM DEC. 12, 1859, Trains will leave Chambers-st. Station as follows: Express Trains, 7 and 11 A. M., and 4:30 P. M. for Albany. 8:45 and 6:45 P. M. for Poughkeepsie. 11 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. for Fishkill. 8:15 P. M. A Montreal and Buffalo Passenger Train, (with sleeping cars,) leaves Hist-st., daily, at 9:30 P. M. The Poughkeepsie, Fishkill and Stag Stag Trains stop at most of the way stations. Passengers taken at Chambers, Canal, Christopher and 42d-sts. Trains for New-York leave Troy at 6:15 and 10:10 A. M. and 4 and 6 P. M., and Albany about 15 minutes later. On Sunday at 5:15 P. M.
A. F. SMITH, Superintendent.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND THE SOUTH AND WEST FROM JERSEY CITY.—Mail and Express Line. Leaves New-York at 6, 9 and 11 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M. Fare, $2. New-Jersey Accommodation, 12 M.; fare $1 25. Tickets sold for Cincinnati and West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington in 4 A. M. and 4 P. M.
F. W. WOODRUFF, Assistant Superintendent.

BRIDGEBURG RAILROAD.—TRAINS LEAVE Williamsburg for Greenport at 10 A. M.; Yaphank, 10 A. M., and on Saturdays at 3:30 P. M.; North Ship at 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.; Bronxport at 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.; Greenport at 6:45 A. M., 1:30, and 5 P. M.; for Jamaica at 6 A. M., 1:30, 5 and 6:30 P. M.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY, for Piermont, &c. Leave foot Cortlandt-st. (ferry-boat accordingly) at 7 A. M., 3:30 and 4:30 P. M. Leave Piermont at 6:10 and 8 A. M., and 2:30 P. M.

AT JONES', NOS. 10 AND 12 ANN-STREET Frank Calf Brass Boots at $4; Double-soled Water-proof Boots, $4 50. Call and see them before purchasing.

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FOR
CALIFORNIA,
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EXTRA STEAMERS AT PANAMA AND ASPINWALL.
REGULAR DATES 5TH & 20TH OF EACH MONTH.
On THURSDAY, 5th January, at 2 P. M., the Each Atlantic Steamship Company will dispatch the splendid steamship
BALTIC,
A. G. Gray, Commander, for Aspinwall as may, and will connect, via Panama Railroad, with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer
SONORA,
P. L. Bart, Commander, and proceed direct to San Francisco.
For freight, apply to the Company's office, No. 18 Wall-st. For passage, apply at the office over the gate on the wharf, at the foot of Canal-st.
WM. H. WORDEN.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE.
THE UNITED STATES MAIL
STEAMER ARAGO,
D. Lerse, Commander,
Will leave for HAVRE, touching at SOUTHAMPTON to land the mails and passengers, on SATURDAY, Jan. 7, at 12 o'clock, from Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st.
This ship has five water-tight compartments, including the engines, so that in the event of a collision or standing, the water could not reach them, and the pumps being free to work, the safety of the vessel and passengers would be secured.
Prices of passage to Second Cabin, $75 and $80.
For freight or passage, apply to
W. V. DERAYTON, Agent, No. 1 Broadway.
N. B.—The FULTON will succeed the ARAGO, and sail Feb. 4.

FOR HAVANA.
UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,
Leaving every twenty days from each port.
Steamship QUAKER CITY,
R. W. Burtlett, Commander.
This well-known, splendid Steamer having been thoroughly repaired, will commence her regular trips on MONDAY, Dec. 26,
at 8 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 43, North River.
Freight received on the 23d. Bills of lading furnished and signed on board.
For freight or passage, apply to
HANGOUS & CO., No. 32 South-st.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$130
Second Cabin Passage.....70
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$110
Second Cabin Passage.....60
The ships from Boston call at Halifax and Cork Harbor.
PERSIA, Capt. Judkins, | CANADA, Capt. Lang,
ARABIA, Capt. J. Stone, | AMERICA, Capt. Miller,
ASIA, Capt. E. G. Lott, | NIAGARA, Capt. Anderson,
AFRICA, Capt. Shannon, | EUROPA, Capt. J. Leitch.
SCOTIA (now building.)
These vessels carry a clear white light at masthead; green starboard bow; red on port bow.
EUROPA, Leitch, leaves New-York, Monday, Dec. 19.
PERSIA, Judkins, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 21.
AMERICA, Miller, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 28.
ASIA, Lott, leaves New York, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1860.
CANADA, Lang, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1860.
ARABIA, Stone, leaves New-York, Friday, Jan. 13, 1860.
EUROPA, Leitch, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1860.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for gold, silver, bullion, specie, jewelry, precious stones or metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor and the value thereof therein expressed. For freight or passage apply to E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST VIA CHARLESTON, S. C.—SEMI-WEEKLY U. S. MAIL SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIP LINE.—Cabin passage, $15; Deck, $6. The steamship COLUMBIA, Capt. Baker, will leave Pier No. 4, N. R., on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely. Through tickets to the following places:
To New-Orleans.....$29 75 To Augusta, Ga.....$20 00
To Mobile.....25 00 To Atlanta, Ga.....23 00
To Montgomery.....25 00 To Columbus, Ga.....20 00
To Nashville, Tenn.....30 00 To Charlotte, N. C.....22 00
To Memphis, Tenn.....35 00 To Tocnandias, Fla.....20 00
To Chattanooga, Tenn.....27 00 To Palatka.....25 00
To Knoxville, Tenn.....27 00 To Jacksonville, Fla.....21 00
For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., No. 39 Broadway.
The MARION, Capt. Foster, succeeds on SATURDAY, Dec. 31.
Notice.—No form of Bills of Lading will be signed but those furnished by the Company. No freight received after 3 o'clock on the day of leaving.

FOR SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.—THE American Atlantic Screw Steamship Company's new and favorite steamship MONTGOMERY, Wm. C. Barry, Commander, will leave Pier No. 12, North River, on THURSDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 o'clock P. M. Passage to Savannah, with unsurpassed accommodations, $15. Through tickets to Fernandina, $20; Mobile, $25; Montgomery, $26; Albany, Ga., $24; Columbus, $23; Atlanta, $23; Macon, $21; Augusta, $20; also, to principal places in Florida at lowest rates. Freight 10 cents per foot. Insurance one-half per cent. No risk taken under $200. Apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 65 West-st.

PORTLAND AND CANADA.—SEMI-WEEKLY Line, via Victoria Bridge.—The first-class screw steamships
CHESAPEAKE, Capt. Sidney Crowell,
PATAPSCO, Capt. L. H. Layfield,
will leave Pier No. 1, North River, New-York, and Brown's Wharf, Portland, every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M. Running time, 36 hours.
These steamers connect with the Grand Trunk Railroad, forming the cheapest and most expeditious freight line to Montreal and Quebec.
Passage, including meals and stateroom, $5. Apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 65 West-st.

THE NORTH GERMAN LLOYDS STEAMship BREMEN, H. Wessel, Commander, carrying the United States Mail, will sail positively on
SATURDAY, Dec. 31, at 12 M.,
FOR
BREMEN VIA SOUTHAMPTON,
Taking passengers for
LONDON, HAVRE, SOUTHAMPTON and BREMEN,
At the following rates:
First cabin, $100; second cabin, $60; steerage, $35.
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HENRY WELLS,
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WATCHES,
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THE PIRATE YACHT WANDERER.

Arrival of the Prisoners on Board—Sailing Adventures of her Crew—Piracy, Flogging and Kidnapping.

From the Savannah Republican, Saturday Evening.

The schooner yacht Wanderer arrived here in charge of Mr. Henry Warner, from the vicinity of the Western Islands. Her story, though long in the coming, may be briefly summed up. On the 20th of October she left the vicinity of Savannah without a regular sailing clearance, under the command of Capt. [illegible] Farrar, of Bath, who formed part of the team sent to go South. She went to Fernandina, where she obtained a supply of water and provisions, but requiring more, filled up and sailed a French brig, the master of which was induced to accompany her. Farrar, [illegible] Harris, [illegible] the crew, left the brig on board the bark, and sailed for the Western Islands, for the United States. This is the story as told; we will now proceed to the details, which are quite interesting.

On the 20th of October, between 9 and 10 o'clock, [illegible] Farrar, under the assumed name of David [illegible], put 16 men on board the yacht Wanderer, [illegible] by the river below Savannah, to assist in [illegible] on board provisions, water, and stores. A little later he set off on board himself, accompanied by Messrs. Farrar, [illegible], and Capt. J. Black, shipping [illegible]. He called all hands to get underway, and [illegible] to pilot on board, he directed the movements of the vessel himself, and got her twice ashore. At last he [illegible] Tybee Light and anchored, where the pilot and shipping-master left her. Again she ran [illegible] the morning of Oct. 21, she floated again, made sail, signed fifteen fathoms of chain, and went to [illegible], carrying more than half the crew against their [illegible].

The Captain, to allay their fears, pretended that [illegible] was bound to Matanzas and Nassau, N. P., but took to Savannah, but a few days afterwards he confessed that the ship was without papers, the Collector having refused her a clearance. He said he was bound for the Western Islands for more provisions, and thence to the Coast of Africa for a cargo of one hundred negroes. These he proposed to land at Cardenas, saying that he was sure of getting one thousand dollars each, being well acquainted with the trade, having landed several cargoes from the coasts Nuggar, Gaza Tyrus, big Fresser Ellen, [illegible]. He further informed them that on leaving Savannah he had failed to procure a chronometer, charts or nautical almanac, and consequently would have to perform the voyage by dead reckoning.

On the 23d of October, however, he fell in with the [illegible] Frey, of Boston, and bought from her a chart of the Atlantic Coast, and a chart of the Gulf of Mexico, for which he paid dollars $75. He also [illegible] the bark Flora Temple; but when he hailed her, [illegible] the Captain to be cold, unassistance, he did not [illegible]. The next day he saw a schooner, and made sail in chase, carrying such a press of canvas that he carried away his spanker sail yard and [illegible] the sail, but failed to overhaul her. On the 26th of October he chased a brig and fired grape at her, but [illegible] 11 P. M., when the brig, favored by the darkness of the night, by suddenly changing her course, ran out of sight.

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